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British 'mad cow' expert flies out to Moscow

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL HORNSEY IN LONDON

BRITAIN yesterday sent its chief veterinary officer to Moscow to try to sort out the dispute which is holding up delivery of almost 2,000 tons of British beef, part of a £140 million package of European Community food aid. The consignment of British beef, rejected by the Mos-cow authorities two days ago on health grounds, was yesterday un-loaded 600 miles away in the Arctic city of Murmansk. All shipments of food aid from Britain have mean-

food and from isrnam have mean-while been suspended.

Keith Meldrum, who is not ex-pected back before Thursday, has been charged with persuading the Russians that their fears about "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), by his assistant, Kevin Taylor, and

Top vet tries to calm fears over BSE after Russians reject beef

metric tons of beef to St Petersburg from Hull was delayed yesterday by the dispute. The meat began arriving at the docks in refrigerated containers last Thursday and it was due to have been loaded on to the MV Buran, a Polish cargo vessel.

yesterday.
In addition, a planeload of 118 tons of beef, which should have been flown from Stansted airport to St Petersburg last Friday, was vesterday being kept in cold storage in

The Foreign Office said: "We understand that the Russians are asking for assurances that the beef

BSE." Lynda Chalker, the overseas development minister, described the hold-up as "terribly embarrassing". Britain's patience, she said, was not limitless: "If they are going to behave like this, we have lots of other things to do, not only with our beef but with our time."

Mrs Chalker, who said assurances had been received from Moscow only last week that the meat would be acceptable, blamed the difficulties on a power struggle within the Russian bureaucracy. The European Commission in Brussels urged the Russians to "get organised" and said the British beef was "totally covered by sanitary regulations". In June 1990,

Britain agreed that carcass beef exported to the rest of the EC should be certified as coming from herds that had been free of any case of BSE for at least two years. The Russians appear to suspect that they are being fobbed off with poor

The agriculture ministry in London said the situation was complicated because certification applied only to "bone-in" meat, whereas almost all the 140,000 tons of beef in the EC's surplus stockpiles in Britain was de-boned. All the meat destined for Russia comes from these stocks and does not need to be certified for export. The ministry says that the origin of the meat is

irrelevant because all carcasses are stripped of those organs capable of harbouring BSE. Murmansk. which has no livestock farming in its environs, has fewer restrictions on imported meat. It was not known yesterday whether a sale of British beef would be held in Murmansk, or whether the meat would just be distributed to needy causes.

Germany, alarmed by reports that huge quantities of German food and medicine donated to Russia have been stolen, yesterday urged the European Community to take over supervision and distribution of aid. Dieter Vogel, govern-ment spokesman, said Bonn was sending ten logistics experts to Russia immediately. Germany will call for a full EC task force to be sent to Russia when community foreign, trade and agriculture min-isters meet in Brussels on Friday.

Cow deaths, page 2

£1,000 is

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Labour –

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BY NICHOLAS WOOD **POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT** NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, yesterday broad-

ened the Conservative assault

on Labour's tax and spending

plans by claiming that they would cost the average tax-

He also held out the pros-

pect of further cuts in income

tax without corresponding in-

In an intervention marking

the start of months of hectic

creases in value-added tax.

payer £1,000 a year.

President flees to Armenia

BY BRUCE CLARE INTBILIST. AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ZVIAD Gamsakhurdia, the Georgian president who fled his bunker below the parliament building in Tbilisi ar dawn yesterday, was last night reported to have arrived in Armenia.

While jubilant Georgians hailed his departure as the birth of a new democracy and the end of the brutal unrest in which up to 200 people have died, the president was said to have travelled to Idzhevan, in northeastern Armenia

The opposition jones is co-alition of radical nationalists and former alder of the controversial leader, pledged to start work urgently on a new constitution that would prevent excessive power falling

Ratner may

quit group Pressure is growing on Gerald Ratner to reim-quish the chairmanship of Ratner Group, the trou-bled jewellery retailer.

An announcement is expected on Friday and there speculation that Mr Ratner may also resign as chief executive. Shares in Ramer closed at an all-time low of 21 2p Page 19 High St Midas, page 23

Court told of attack by mob

A mob of 200 used a dispute between two rival shopkeepers to assault police, throw bottles and bricks and chant racist abuse in a night of rioting last summer, Cardiff crown court was told Page 3

UN moves in

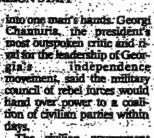
Fifty UN military observers are to take up position in Croatian battle zones. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, said last night. But no peacekeeping force should be sent until all combatants accept a continued ceasefire and demilitarised zones, and all federal forces withdraw from Croatia, he told the security council ___ Page 9

Manager out

Terry Butcher, the former England captain, became the first football manager to lose his job in 1992 when he was sacked yesterday as the player-manager of Coventry Page 34

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would then prepare for elecing care to avoid the malpractices and fraud which Mr Chantitie alleges marred the ballets: thus prought Mr. Gansakhurdia to power only seven mouths ago. ven inouths ago. Today, January 6, the new

democratic Georgia has been born," said Tengiz Kitovani. the leader of the national guard opposition. "Not only the Georgian people but all the democratic forces of the world will celebrate this victory."

The president left the capi

tal with about 80 supporter and headed towards Azerbaijan in a convoy of three buses and three armoured cars hung with white flags. One of Mr Kitovani's associates said, however, that he had been arrested and taken back to Thilisi. That report was sub-sequently denied by Levan Sharashenidze, the interim Georgian defence minister, according to Iprinda, the Georgian press agency. Outside the blazing partia-

ment building on the Rustaveli Prospekt in central Tbilisi, rebel gummen em-braced each other amid the rubble and acrid smoke, rifles slung over their shoulders. Men and women swarmed into the tree-lined central bouleyard, which only hours before had been alive with sniper fire, and inspected the gunted ruins of some of the capital's most beautiful buildings. One young man was mobbed by comrades outside the rebel headquarters on Rustaveli Prospekt as he waved a bullet-ridden Georgian flag that he said he had seized from the parliament

building. He's gone, the dictator has gone at last," said another fighter. "There will be no hiding-place, we will track him down, wherever he runs." Other passers-by were bitter that the democrati-Continued on page 18, col 4



Georgian jubilation: opposition supporters celebrate outside the shell-scarred parliament building in Tbilisi



Sir Allan Green, QC, who resigned as director of public prosecutions after a warning for alleged kerb-crawling, ex-pects to act for the defence when he returns to the Bar.

Trouble stirrers, page 9

Doctors halt breast implants

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

THE United States government has called for an end to the use of silicon breast implants until they can be shown to be safe.

Announcing a moratorium on the distribution of the implants, the most popular form of breast enlargement for both medical and cosmetic purposes, the US Food and Drug Administration reported that new information had led to "increasing concern

Dr David Kessler, the FDA commissioner, said that sur-

implants until this new information could be thoroughly evaluated.

As well as reported problems with leakage from the implants, the FDA has been investigating charges that the treatment damages the body's immune system. Dr Kessler will convene the

FDA's advisory panel on plastic surgery devices within 45 days to decide whether to allow the implants back on the market.

 David Sharpe, consultant plastic surgeon at St Luke's Hospital Bradford, said that he was astonished at the FDA decision. "There is no scientific evidence to justify it" he said (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Paul Levick, chairman of the medical advisory committee at the National Hospital for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, and a consultant plastic surgeon at Birmingham Accident Hospital, said that he would now stop using silicone breast implants while the FDA panel examined the evidence, even though he did not think the moratorium was

Particularly eminent interviewees

Reporters dispatched in the radio car to cover urban riots and scrike Continued page 18, vol 2

TODAY IN THE TIMES SILENCED?



Hollywood is ailing. Orion. who made Silence of the Lambs is just one company on the verge of bankruptcy. Now more wholesome family fare is planned to revive

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Tinseltown



Trained in sculpture, finishes designing a dress for her Hobbs shops then heads off to oversee her complementary shoe designs

campaigning by all three main parties in the run-up to an election that must be held by the summer, Mr Lamont temporarily forgot the recession to turn the political heat on Labour and to make taxation policy an election

Claiming that Labour would have to put up the basic rate of income tax by 10p in the pound to bridge a £25 billion gap between its spending promises and the revenue it would raise by squeezing the better off. Mr Lamont branded Labour as the party of high taxation and

high spending. Faced with Opposition taunts that the overall tax take has actually risen in 13 years of Tory rule and that any future cuts in income tax Continued on page 18, col 7

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For records, it could be the vinyl curtain. CD sales are soaring, while LPs account for only 8 per cent of the market and are becoming a specialist item Page 7

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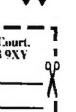
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For sale: taxi that talked to the nation

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BLACK London taxi, 1977, 24,000 miles only, immaculate except for hole in roof. Interesting history: has had just about every Cabinet minister in the back at one time or another. source. For sale.

The BBC is replacing its venerable radio car, whose main function in life has been to draw up at the doors of eminent politicians at dawn to enable them to talk live on the Today programme. They sat in the back while the driver — a BBC studio manager — hoisted the 20ft aerial through the roof, twiddled the knobs on a bank of sound equipment in what would normally be the luggage compartment, and hooked up the guest with Redhead, Humphrys, MacGregor and the rest back in the

From next week, however, MPs in-

vited to share their waking thoughts with the nation will open their front doors to the taxi's replacement a pair of gold-coloured Volkswagen microbuses carrying more advanced sound and tape editing equipment and, more importantly, their own generators. There has been the occasional embarrassment in the past when the BBC taxi on location has had to beg a set of leads and a jump start from ITN to get its batterypowered transmitter up and running

The new vehicles are bigger, with three seats in a row, making it easier for a reporter to squeeze in with the victim and question him face to face live on the air. Like their predecessor. the Volkswagens have tinted win-dows being dragged from the breakfast table to be grilled by Redhead is bad enough without curious passersby peering in at you. Phil Harding. editor of the Today programme, said that the taxi had performed sterling service, but it had its problems, not least being constantly flagged down on its way to assignments. Parking outside the relevant house

could also prove a headache. "The taxi had a great problem one morning outside Nigel Lawson's house. But he came out and proved remarkably adept at stopping and directing the traffic to get the taxi into the As live interviews can take place

well before eight in the morning. MPs are rarely fully groomed and besuited when they climb into the back seat of the car. "We had one former Cabinet minister who emerged from his front door wearing pink silk pyjamas, with a dressing gown thrown over his shoulders for modesty." Mr Harding said. "I am absolutely not going to tell you who it

was, except that it was not Margaret Thatcher. The gold microbuses, carrying only

the most discreet BBC logo to avoid attracting undue attention, are a far cry from the earliest mobile studios. in which a wax recording was made on the back seat of the car, then rushed back to the studio for broadeasting. It is to be assumed that in those days, when announcers wore dinner jackets, no Cabinet minister would dream of broadcasting in his

were honoured with "The Grey Carpet" treatment. The rubber mat in the back of the cab was neatly rolled up to reveal a pristine Wilton. Only cabinet ministers and peers were thought worthy of such an honour.

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Mad cow disease still kills 500 dairy cattle a week

RUSSIAN veterinary objections to British beef aid are a reminder that although "mad cow disease" has dropped from the headlines, it is still killing about 500 dairs cattle a week

The fatal condition, oovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), was officially diagnosed in late 1986. By December 20 of last year, the agriculture ministry had recorded 44,010 confirmed cases on 15,407 farms, almost all among dairy cattle, of which there are 2.7 million in Britain.

Typically, only two or three animals in any one herd are affected. Southwest England, the heart of the dairy industry, with 19,879 cases, has suffered most. The Midlands, with 7,451 cases, and the Sout-East, with 5,685 cases, have hen the next worst hit.

Although the number of cattle falling victim to BSE has grown steadily, Keith Meldrum, the government's chief veterinary officer. is on record as saying that this year we will see the start of a rapid decline in the number of confirmed BSE cases".

The basis for this prediction is the assumption that the agent causing BSE was transferred to cattle via feed containing the remains of sheep infected with scrapie, the ovine version of the disease. Such feed, of which the dairy industry was a big consumer, has been banned since July 1988.

If a prediction by the government's chief vet is right, BSE will reach a peak this year and then start to decline, Michael Hornsby reports

On average, cattle incubate BSE for four years before showing visible symptoms. So if contaminated feed was the sole or main source of BSE, and no cattle have eaten any since July, 1988, new cases of the disease should reach a peak this

year and then start to decline. That prediction could be upset if infected cows can transmit BSE to their offspring. So far there has been only one confirmed case of BSE in an animal born after the feed ban, but this might have been caused by a farmer continuing to

use banned feed after the cut-off date. Six other similar cases are being investigated. Government scientists say that they are confi-

dent that if maternal transmission does occur, it will not happen often enough to prevent a rapid decline in new cases of BSE. Creutzfeldt-Jakob Dementia (CJD), spongiform encephalopathy in humans, occurs worldwide, affecting about one person in every two million each year. Eating scra-

pie-infected sheep, which people in

Britain have been doing for at least

two centuries, appears to have no influence at all on the incidence of

Scientists have been unable to find any evidence that BSE will be any more of a risk to humans than scrapie, but because the incubation period is even longer in humans than cattle, there may be no absolute certainty for at least a decade. BSE has been transmitted to laboratory mice, but attempts to infect marmoset monkeys, which are closer biologically to humans. have failed.

As a precaution, all cattle that show BSE symptoms must be slaughtered and destroyed. In addition, since lare 1989 all beef carcasses have to be stripped of

other tissue thought capable of harbouring BSE. The agriculture ministry says that this ensures complete protection for the consumer. Most scientists agree, but there remains a question mark over the safety of beef sold before these measures went into effect.

So far only a few cases of BSE have been diagnosed outside Britain. There is no entirely convinc-ing explanation for this, but one suggestion is that British techaiques for processing animal remains into feed are or were less effective at destroying the BSE

Vets' mission, page 1

Second IRA van bomb devastates city centre

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent

THE IRA detonated a huge van bomb in Belfast city centre yesterday causing widespread devastation, the second such attack in less than 24 hours.

The bomb in High Street at lunchtime followed an explosion on Sunday night that wrecked government offices and scores of shops in Bedford Street near by. The explosions caused damage running into millions of pounds but no serious

The bombs, both estimated at between 500lb and 600lb of explosive, bring to six the number of big devices planted and detonated by the IRA in the heart of Belfast in the past eight weeks. The explosions prompted protests against what many in the community, Protestant and Roman Catholic, believe to be the completely ineffective government security policy.

The manager of an insurance office badly damaged in Sunday night's blast said the IRA seemed to be able to act with impunity. He said security policy clearly was not working and ritual condemnations after the event by ministers were meaningless. 'There's absolutely no point in listening to these idiotic statements that are being made by ministers — quite honestly I firmly believe that some of these people should be sacked," he said.

Peter Robinson, MP for East Belfast, challenged the government to go out and "win the war" against the IRA. He said that every successive bombing demonstrated the government's inability to beat the terrorists.

"We need a policy that will make the Provos suffer," Mr Robinson said. "We need a policy that will put the IRA on the run. That means lighter border security, more covert operations and repeated search and seizure operations. It means tougher sentencing. It means proper extradition and, if necessary, it means selective detention."

Richard Needham, economy minister at Stormont, speaking after visiting the

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scene of the first bombing but before the second, expressed anger at suggestions that failures in security policy somehow made the government responsible for bombings in Belfast. The government was trying to rebuild the city not destroy it he said.

The High Street bomb detonated as security personnel were clearing the immediate area, half an hour after a telephone warning by the IRA to a local radio station. The main target appeared to have been River House, which contains offices of the Northern Ireland Police Authority, Tourist Board and Inland Revenue. They were all badly damaged.

Mr Needham said the IRA's aim was to destroy the opportunities of people working in Belfast. The IRA, however, is believed to regard the bombings as a way of demonstrating that Northern Ireland is ungovernable while British troops remain in the

• The offices of Crispin Rodwell. photographer for The Times and The Sunday Times in Northern Ireland for the past 12 years, were wrecked in yesterday's explosion. Mr Rodwell's office, on the fourth floor of Imperial Buildings, is next door to River House on High Street.

When he heard the siren in the building warning that a device was in the area, he was transmitting pictures to our London office of the scenes of devastation caused by Sun-day night's bomb. "To start with I thought it was one of the all too common hoaxes, and I decided to stay on to finish wiring the picture," he said. "As soon as I had finished I left the building. Three minutes later the bomb

He said that his office had structural cracks in all the walls, the ceiling had caved in, leaving strip lights dan-gling, windows and window frames had been blown in and all the doors had been ripped off their hinges. There was glass everywhere. "It's just total devastation," he



Reduced to rubble: an RUC officer checks the damage in Belfast city centre after the first van bomb exploded on Sunday night

Pre-election battleground: taxation

Labour will hit average salaries, Lamont says

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

THE average taxpayer on annual earnings of £14,000 would have to pay an extra £1,000 a year to pay for Labour's spending promises, Norman Lamont claimed yesterday.

In a move that threw Labour on to the defensive and marked the opening shots in an election campaign that could run for the next six months, the Chancellor alleged that Labour's spending plans had terrifying implications for ordinary people.

Contrary to claims by Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader. and John Smith, the shadow chancellor, they would face much higher tax bills under a Labour government, he said. Mr Smith hit back by

> **Posters** take a pasting

By Sheila Gunn POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

veiled in London yesterday to mark the start of stage two in the election campaign's "phoney war" caused some dismay among passers-by. The point of the 1.000 Con-

servative party posters was to depict "Labour's tax bombshell". Tory HQ promises that thousands of posters on similar themes will soon be plastered all over the country. first poster near the Elephant and Castle roundabout, south London, a stone's throw from Labour headquarters, asked:

"Are we really going to have to suffer five months of this?" Rob Stafford thought the party's message "rather bor-Ursula Crawford said it certainly would not make her return to the Tory fold. Joanna Reed said: "It looks like a cheap ad and the usual scaremongering before an

Much more is promised by the three main parties as they gear up their election ma-chines and the campaign teams have been put on full alert to leave no policy unlaunched and no opponent's claim unquestioned.

dismissing the Conservatives' figures as absurd and ridiculous. He said: "We have made it absolutely clear there will be no increase in the standard rate of 25p under the next

Labour government." The Opposition has said that its firm pledges to increase pensions and child will require abolition of the £20,280 ceiling on 9 per cent national insurance contributions and a new top rate of income tax of 50 per cent on people earning "well over" £30,000 a year.

It has maintained that these are the limit of its taxraising ambitions, but yesterday the Tories sought to widen their assault by maintaining that Labour had a



Lamont: figures put Labour on defensive

secret "tax bombsheli" that would mean higher taxes for all 25 million taxpayers.

Mr Lamont tried to justify his case by repeating claims that Labour's spending pledges amount to an extra £35 billion over the lifetime of a parliament. It planned eight new or higher taxes on items such as savings, pensions, inheritance, capital gains or income, but these would together raise only an extra £10 billion.

The £25 billion gap could be bridged only by increasing taxation on ordinary people earning as little as £5,000 a

As Mr Smith argued yesterday. Labour rejects the £35 billion price tag. It insists that only its pensions and child benefit promises are firm commitments and that their cost — some £3.3 billion - can be met out of its planned increases in national insurance and the introduction of a new top rate of income tax. It insists that 88 per cent of taxpayers will be no worse off.

its other commitments. variously described by its spokesmen as objectives or aspirations, will have to be paid for from what Neil Kinnock described on Sunday as the harvest of economic growth over the next few years. The party also had no plans to cut the basic rate of income tax.

Tax pledge, page I

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How the Tories tot up the cost of a Kinnock win

SHOULD you cancel your summer holiday plans if Labour wins the election? Certainly, the figures at

Norman Lamont's press conference at Conservative Central Office yesterday make grisly reading. Those earning between £10,000 and £20,000 a year can expect to pay an extra £1,000 a year on average, the Chancellor claimed; those on more than £30.000, an extra £5,000.

How are these calculations done? The Conservatives point to certain increases in taxes to which Labour is committed. The most important of these are twofold. Firstly, the party will abolish the ceiling on earnings on which National Insurance contributions are paid by employees, currently £390 a week, rising to £405 in April. Anyone on more than that would have to find an extra 9p out of each £1 earned over the ceiling. Secondly, Labour will raise

the top rate of tax for those earning "well over" £30,000 a year to 50 per cent from the present 40 per cent. This would take an additional 10p in tax for every £1 earned in excess of whatever ceiling a Labour chancellor eventually specifies. The Tories calculate that these and other tax increases would raise a maximum of some £10 billion a year for a Labour chancellor. The Tories go on to argue that Labour is planning to spend an extra £35 billion a year, a claim based on analysis of Labour promises by David Mellor, chief secretary

to the Treasury. The gap between the two— the £35 billion Labour plans to spend and the £10 billion its extra taxes will raise — is £25 billion. The Tories then assume that this £25 billion would require Labour to raise the standard rate of income tax by (they say) 10p in the pound, to 35p. This huge rise lets Mr Lamont speak of "Labour's tax bombshell".

Is his claim plausible? The

National Insurance ceiling would indeed go, Labour says. That will affect some 12-13 per cent of taxpayers. If the rate of National Insurance stays unchanged, the move would cost someone on £30,000 a year £874.80.

Matters are less clear cut on the higher rate of tax. Labour has refused to clarify what it means by "well over" According to its basic policy

How reliable are Tory claims of Labour plans to send tax leaping?

David Lipsey studies the figures document, Opportunity Brit-ain, "the right structure of tax rates and tax bands will,

of course, be decided by Labour's Chancellor of the Exchequer at Budget time". Undeniably, however, even if the threshold for higherrate tax was set as low as E30.000, this would hit far fewer people than would lose from the abolition of the Nat-

ional Insurance ceiling. Higher-rate tax for a single person now starts on earnings of £26,995. Only about 1.62 million of 25.1 million taxpayers pay the higher rate. What proportion have earnings of £30,000 or more is not known, but it is about per cent of taxpayers.

The Tories' argument is weaker on the extra £25 billion that they say Labour needs for its spending. The figure is in part vulnerable because it relies on the Tories' interpretation of what Labour pledges would cost; they tend to pitch their esti-mates high.

However, the main weak-ness of this figure is that it represents the total cost of all Labour's spending hopes over a parliament. Labour has specifically said that it would not introduce them all at once. It has promised only to raise pensions and child benefits as a priority. Thereafter, it says, what it spends will depend on the growth in

the economy.

This puts matters in a different perspective. If the economy grew by 2 per cent a year under Labour, national income by the end of a fiveyear parliament would be some £60 billion higher, and this would generate substantial extra revenue. However, the government is already counting the extra tax resumption of steady growth in its medium-term estimates, which indicate high public borrowing. And Labour will find it hard to borrow much

Taxes might or might not go up under Labour, but only half a mile from the venue of a true partisans will believe the letter of Mr Lamont's claim. was to speak on agriculture.

Barclay brothers buy The European

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The Barciay brothers have rescued The European, the product of Robert Maxwell's ambition to publish the conti-nent's first "national" newspaper (Melinda Wittstock writes).

David and Frederick Barclay, the secretive Scottishborn entrepreneurs with a £500 million portfolio of ship-ping lines, travel businesses and luxury hotels, yesterday bought the newspaper's title, assets and distribution network after negotiations lasting more than a month. The price was understood to be nore than nominal.

The twin brothers, who have no publishing experience, will not take on the newspaper's liabilities, such as redundancy payments for the 145 employees who lost their jobs last month.

Charles Garside, the former deputy editor whose own company had been paying 58 staff to produce the weekly until a buyer could be found, was yesterday appointed editor and general manager. He said: "The future of The European is now secure."

Over the next few days, Mr Garside and the directors of Ellerman Investments a Barclay brothers holding company, will discuss future staffing levels. But until January 20, the paper will contin-ue to be financed by Mr Garside's company.

Dogfight video ruled obscene

A pit bull terrier owner was fined £500 and ordered to pay £500 costs yesterday for importing an obscene video after a jury at Southwark crown court, south London, had seen the hour-long tape on which fighting pit buils tore out each other's flesh while an audience cheered.

Christopher Grace, of Deptford, south London, who had previous convictions for possessing an offensive weapon and theft, denied the charge it was brought by Customs and Excise, who intercepted the video on its way to Britain from Malta.

Birdwatchers died in storms

Two birdwatchers found dead on the island of Unst in the Shetlands are believed to have been killed by the recent storms. The man, whose body was found on Sunday, is thought to have died from exposure, and the woman, found yesterday, from falling or being blown off a cliff near the Herma Ness bird sanctu-

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ary on the island. Police said there were signs that the unnamed couple had been at the sanctuary and visited a spot 600ft above the

Court remands two in acid case

Two men charged with carrying out an acid attack on a woman aged 74 were remanded in custody for a further week yesterday. Anthony Langton, aged 22, and Jason Raby, aged 17, both of Banbury, Oxfordshire, first appeared before the town's magistrates on New Year's 6 day, charged with grievous bodily harm and burglary.

A spokesman for the South Warwickshire Hospital, where Joan Cooper is being treated for burns to her face and eyes, said she was improving, although she was still in intensive care.

Art fund chief

David Barrie, the executive director of the Japan Festival, is to be the next director of the National Art Collections Fund Mr Barrie, aged 38, was selected from 130 appli-cants and will succeed Sir Peter Wakefield in June. He transferred to the Cabinet Office from the Foreign Office and in 1989 was seconded to run the festival; the success of which has largely been attributed to him.

Baby charges

A nurse charged with murdering three babies and a boy aged 11 at the hospital where she worked was further re-manded in custody yesterday. Beverley Allitt, aged 23, is murder another eight children or cause them grievous bodily harm with intent at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital, Lincolnshire. Miss Allitt, of Grantham, was remanded until January 16.

Store fire

A man was being questioned by police last night after a fire was started in a clothing store in Oxford shortly before a visit to the city by the prime minister. The store is about

Mob 'used dispute between shops as excuse for a riot'

BY LIN JENKINS

A MOB of 200 used a dispute between two rival shopkeepers to assault police, throw bottles and bricks and chant racist abuse in a night of ricting last summer, Cardiff crown -- court was told

As the youths hurled missiles they chanted "Burn the Pakis, bomb the Pakis, and kill the pigs" in an outbreak of violence on the Ely council estate in Cardiff last August, Leighton Davies, for the prosecution, said.

On the opening day of the trial of five men alleged to have been involved in the riot.

was trapped inside his shop by the rioting mob. Violence flared when a policeman was head butted as he tried to arrest a rioter. Another man went berserk as he was being arrested, screaming "fight them, fight them. Riot, riot"

to those around him. "His incitement worked as officers were punched and kicked by a number of youths," Mr Davies said, adding that one policeman was dragged away and two or more who went to help came under attack. Although about

450,000 will sit new school tests

BY JOHN O'LEARY

THE first national curricuhum tests in secondary schools this summer are expected to be taken by three-quarters of the 14-year-old pupils in Eng-land and Wales, Timothy Eggar, the education minister, said yesterday.

The pilot tests in mathematics and science will be held simultaneously on June 8 and 9. Papers will be marked in the pupils' schools. and a sample checked for accuracy by GCSE examination groups. Teachers will also make their own assessment of pupils' progress. Each subject will have

papers at four levels of increasing difficulty and teachers will choose which is most suitable for individual pupils. The cost will be about £2 per paper per pupil for each ex-

Participation in the pilot scheme will be voluntary, but two-thirds of secondary schools in England and Wales have already registered for the tests. Ministers expect 450,000 pupils to sit the six-bour napers. New near all pupils will be required to set the tests, which will also inciude English and technology. History and geography will be introduced in 1994.

The exercise is a year be hind schedule because Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, scrapped the original tests, which he described as "claborate nonsense". Mr Eggar said that the new version would be academically rigorous and easy to administer.

Schools will not be forced to publish the results of the pilot tests, although ministers hope that they will do so voluntarily. Pupils and their parents should have individual scores by the end of June.

Mr Eggar said: "It is one of the weaknesses of our education system that parents have had to wait until 16-plus exams like GCSE before they could get a really accurate and objective assessment of how their children were get-

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curriculum on a ten point scale. Average 14 year olds will be expected to reach

levels five or six.

ting on. This was too late." Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: This is an extra duty being imposed on teachers and raises the question of whether they should be paid for marking a public exam as they are for GCSE."

The National Union of Teachers said that the tests would force teachers to teach to the test, narrowing educational opportunities.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said that Labour would consider holding the tests earlier in the year to avoid a clash with those already held in most schools as a guide to pupils GCSE

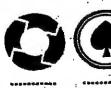
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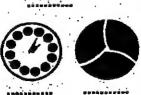












Test at level 4 in 10-point scale. Average 14year-olds expected to reach levels 5 or 6

Mr Davies described how one 200 people took part in the terrified Asian shopkeeper disturbance, the five accused were seen to play a prominent part, he said. There were mmerous oth-

ers involved in that ongoing disturbance who got away with it. But these five were seen, were recognised and in many ways played a prominent part in what was going

Mr Davies said that there was local ill-feeling when Abdul Waheed, an Asian shopkeeper, obtained an injunction to stop a neighbouring newsagent competing with him by selling food in a wrangle over leases.

Late on a Friday night, 50 people gathered outside the shop and three policemen were sent to disperse them. Mr Waheed and three friends were still inside the shop as more youths, many of whom had been drinking, joined the crowd and began throwing stones and bottles.

Mr Davies said that one of the accused, Lee Newbury, aged 23, wielding a flagon of cider, went berserk and threw punches at a policeman as he velled at the crowd. He allegedly head butted a policeman while handcuffed and being taken to the police station. When charged, Mr Newbury allegedly asked police "I wasn't that drunk, was ??"

PC Robert Nichols, who drove a police direct response patrol van, told the court that the vehicle was pelted with missiles and surrounded by a group of hostile youths as he and five colleagues tried to arrest troublemakers, including two of the accused.

He heard someone else shour: "Let's riot - kill the pigs." He said that he was forced to return blows for his own safety but denied that Mr Newbury was knocked almost unconscious by police

PC Nichols said that the crowd's anger continued to increase and he drove away. Bricks and bottles were being thrown after us. It was to dangerous to remain in the area any longer," he added. Anthony Beattle, aged 22;

Paul Gonzales, aged 24; Martin Thomas, aged 20; and Wayne Murphy, aged 17, deny charges of violent disorder. Mr Newbury denies the same charge and another charge of assault causing actual bodily harm.

THE four British tourists

murdered on safari in Angola were stripped of their clothes

and valuables, the country's opposition leader claimed

yesterday. Jonas Savimbi, of

the National Union for the

Total Independence of Ango-

la (Unita) said, however, that

his men were not responsible.

Dr Savimbi said that he

was appalled by the deaths of

Mercedes Mackendrick, her

boy friend, James Pilbeam,

and two other tourists, Andrew Chandler and Paul

Couchman, but they had be-

haved in a foolhardy manner.

by entering a dangerous area.

tourism in Angola. We have

just finished 16 years of civil

He denied that his former

rebels could have committed

the crimes and blamed rob-

bers for the attack on three

Land-Rovers containing sev-

en Britons on the Quilengues road in Angola's Huila prov-

ince on Friday night. The

ambush took place near a

base where thousands of for-

mer Unita rebels are con-

war," Dr Savimbi said.

"It is not the time to make



Tiny handful: the actress Patricia Hodge, aged 45, leaves Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, west London, yesterday with her second son, who weighed just over 8lb at birth 11 days ago

Rivals woo Muslim rank and file

THE bitter public row over Salman Rushdie's Satanic Verses made British Muslims realise that they had no nat-ional voice. The book and its attack on the prophet Muhammad focused lingering dissatisfaction over numer ous grievances into a single national issue.

Although many groups spoke for different interests, no single voice spoke on on behalf of Britain's two million followers of Islam. Now, however, there is a battle raging among several groups, all of whom hope to win the support of rank and file

Most prominent is the strongly fundamentalist, selfstyled Muslim parliament, and its leader Dr Kalim Siddiqui, who grabbed the headlines last weekend.

But waiting in the wings is the British Muslim Forum, a grouping of moderate professionals and intellectuals, and the UK Action Committee on Íslamic Affairs, which claims to represent more than 80 per The mal continues today. | cent of British Muslim organ-

fined. Two tourists escaped

the attack unscathed. A third

Dr Savimbi, who is expected to be a candidate to suc-

ceed President Jose Eduardo

dos Santos, suggested that

former government troops might be to blame. He

claimed that 40,000 of them

had left encampment sites

and many had not been paid.

tourists were mistaken for

government troops or robbers by Unita men who then am-

bushed them. It also emerged

last night that the travellers

knew they were taking a risk

by going through Angola,

but, after months on the road

in Africa, they probably felt

immune to dangers.

Miss Mackendrick, aged

25, a doctor, of Lochwinnoch,

Strathclyde, and Mr Pil-beam, aged 27, of Fleet,

Hampshire, a former soldier.

had driven through north Africa and planned to go to Namibia through Zaire, but

diverted to Angola after being

told that it was too dangerous

Another theory is that the

was shot in both legs.

Robbers blamed

for tourist deaths

By RAY CLANCY AND STEPHEN TAYLOR

Dr Kalim Siddiqui's parliament is not the only group representing Britain's two million Muslims. Paul Wilkinson reports

Doctor threatened

to kill sister

By GEOFF KING

leations. The Muslim parliament is the brainchild and. some rivals say, the vehicle of Dr Siddiqui, a political science graduate of University College London. He is director and founder of the Muslim Institute in central London, which was set up 20 years ago to promote Islamic culture, history and policies among British Muslims

The parliament ultimately will have two houses. The first, the lower house which met last weekend, consists of 200 MMPs (members of the Muslim parliament) drawn from local and representative organisations, some specifically set up by the institute.

The upper house, which will assemble for the first time later this year, will have up to 1,000 MMPs selected from the ranks of British Muslims who have achieved eminence either in their community or

RIVALRY between a brother

and sister who worked as

doctors in a family practice

boiled over into violence and

a death threat, a court heard

yesterday.

John Marshall threatened

to kill his sister, blaming her

for opposing new treatment

ideas that he tried to intro-

duce. York crown court was

told. During a discussion at

the family home in Birstwith,

North Yorkshire, Marshall

slapped his sister Rosalind

with the back of his hand.

bruising her forehead. Jeremy Richardson, for the

Marshall was charged with

assault but made a series of

threatening telephone calls

to his sister, aged 44. On a

tape played to the court he was heard to shout: "We're like two ducks cooked in the

same oven. I'll kill you and I'll

Marshall, aged 38, admitted charges of assault and

making threats to kill was

given a nine-month sentence

The court was told that

get you if it kills me too."

suspended for a year.

prosecution, said.

The parliament will debate and vote upon bills and although they will have no legal effect, Dr Siddiqui hopes Muslims will accept their The British Muslim Forum

was created two years ago to counteract the first stirrings of the Muslim parliament. Its spokesman is Azzat Altamimi, the Palestinian journalist who edits the satirical Arab magazine The Other Opinion. "We want people to understand that we should not be confrontational, like Dr Siddiqui," Mr Altamimi said. "You do not go to someone else's house and start rearranging the furniture. To take up arms against the rest of society is neither desirable or right, especially in an open country like this. We can lobby successfully for what we

The UK Action Committee

rivalry between the two had

increased since Marshall

joined his sister and their

father at the family practice

in Dacre Banks, near Harro-

gate, ten years ago. With him

he brought new ideas and was featured in a BBC docu-

However, Mr Richardson

said that the brother's inno-

vations failed to find favour

with his sister and the rift

grew when he stopped prac-

tising after he injured his

fence, said that the case had

'all the hallmarks of a Greek

tragedy". When Marshall was practising, "it seemed every idea or innovation he

had, she was opposed to it."

Marshall's name had been removed from the medical list

by the Family Health Services

Administration. While he was

appealing against the deci-sion, he had taken early re-

tirement and would not

Judge Herrod told Mar-shall his behaviour towards

practise again.

David Gripton, for the de-

mentary.

sees an expanded role for itself. Its joint convener, Iqbal Sacranie, says it was spawned by the Rushdie affair, which was the catalyst for the venting of concern over other issues, including government refusal to grant aid to Islamic schools and to tackle racial harassment. The committees aso believes in a non-confrontational policy and claims several successes through its regular contact with the Home Office.

The committee speaks for numerous organisations, including the only other umbrella group, the Union of Muslim Organisations. "In a way Satanic Verses was blessing in disguise," Mr Sacranie said. "It made us realise there was no single political voice. We came together to speak out about Rushdie, but there are other issues too."

Janet Daley, page 12

The great and good arrive in small print

BY ROBIN YOUNG

SOME one thousand people will receive the most gratifying boost to their egos on Thursday morning. Details of their careers, honours, achievements and recreations will be listed for the

first time in Who's Who.
The 1992 edition, the 144th in an invaluable series cataloguing the great and the good for the benefit of the merely curious, finds room for luminaries as diverse as the pop singer Phil Collins, the comedian and playwright Ben Elton, the cricketer Viv Richards and the newscaster Martyn Lewis.

Newcomers to the list include the opera director Tim Albery and the impresario Raymond Gubbay, now staging Turandot at Wembley.

Journalists, who depend upon A & C Black's priceless publication (actually it costs £80) more than most will be galled to see how many of their colleagues have made it into the small print this year. They include William Hagerty, editor of The People. Susan Crosland, Dominick Harrod, John Pilger, Edward Temko, editor of the Jewish Chronicle, and, closer to home, Robin Oakley, polit-ical editor of The Times.

A clutch of company chairmen take their place, includ-ing Eugene Anderson of Ferranti, Roger Brooke of Candover Investments and John Fraser of Ciba-Geigy. Among theatrical debuts are those of the actress Natasha Richardson, the indefatiga-ble one-man band John Sessions, the playwright Howard Barker and the actor Brian Cox. Musicians include the per-

cussionist Evelyn Glennie, the pianists Paul Crossley and Stephen Hough and the composers David Matthews and Michael Nyman.

When all is said and done, though, it is the recreations that are more interesting about these folk than the worthy activities which have won them their inclusion. Stephen Fry, the actor, writer and comedian, comes up with a splendid list of pas-times: "Smoking, drinking, swearing, pressing wild flow-ers.". Kate Ashbrook, general secretary of the Open Spaces Society, says hers are ped-antry, finding illegally blocked footpaths". Sir Kelvin Spencer, born

94 years ago, lists his occupation as "awaiting ecologi-cal recycling".

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Travel firms want European action on danger hotels

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

A STRONGLY critical report on safety standards in holiday hotels is to be used by Britain's travel indus-. try in efforts to persuade the European Community to produce a new hotel safety directive.

The report, published yesterday in the Consumers' Association's magazine Holiday Which?, claims that thousands of holidaymakers are in danger every year in unsafe Mediterranean resort hotels whose safety is "desperately inadequate".

Holiday Which? inspectors discovered locked fire escape doors and exits, open and unprotected stairways, useless fire alarm systerns, poor escape signposting, dan-gerous swimming pools and play-change the attitude of hoteliers and

grounds and balconies that could be hazardous to children.

Alan Flook, of the Tour Operators' Study Group, welcomed the report because, he said, it would help operators in their long battle with European bureaucrats.

"We have for years been puring pressure on Brussels to produce a directive which would be accepted throughout the Community," he said. "Regrettably, no one else in the Community takes these matters as seriously as we do. It is far higher on our agenda than on anyone else's because we have the highest standards of safety in the world. "The Consumers' Association

looks at our standards and thinks

that, because we have enormous

tourism chiefs in Europe. Sadly, life is not like that.

"People object to visitors from another country trying to tell them that they are running their hotels dangerously, especially when they meet their own local rules and standards and when they can show that there have been very few fires, let alone injuries or fatalities. Our job is to get a change in arritude rather than boycott these hotels, which would then be used by someone else."

Rosemary Astles, marketing director of Thomson Holidays, said that her company would also be using the report, which names four hotels to which it sends clients as potentially dangerous, to put pressure on hoteliers to improve safety. "We have already contacted our

agents in the areas concerned and told them to see the hoteliers to make our views, and those of the Consumers' Association, known."

According to the magazine, only four hotels out of the 42 inspected were acceptably safe on all counts. Corfu had the worst record, with nine out of 15 hotels having inadequate fire precautions and II having poor or dangerous swimming pools. Hotels in Portugal's Algarve were marginally better, with dangerous three-sided lifts and inadequate balconies.

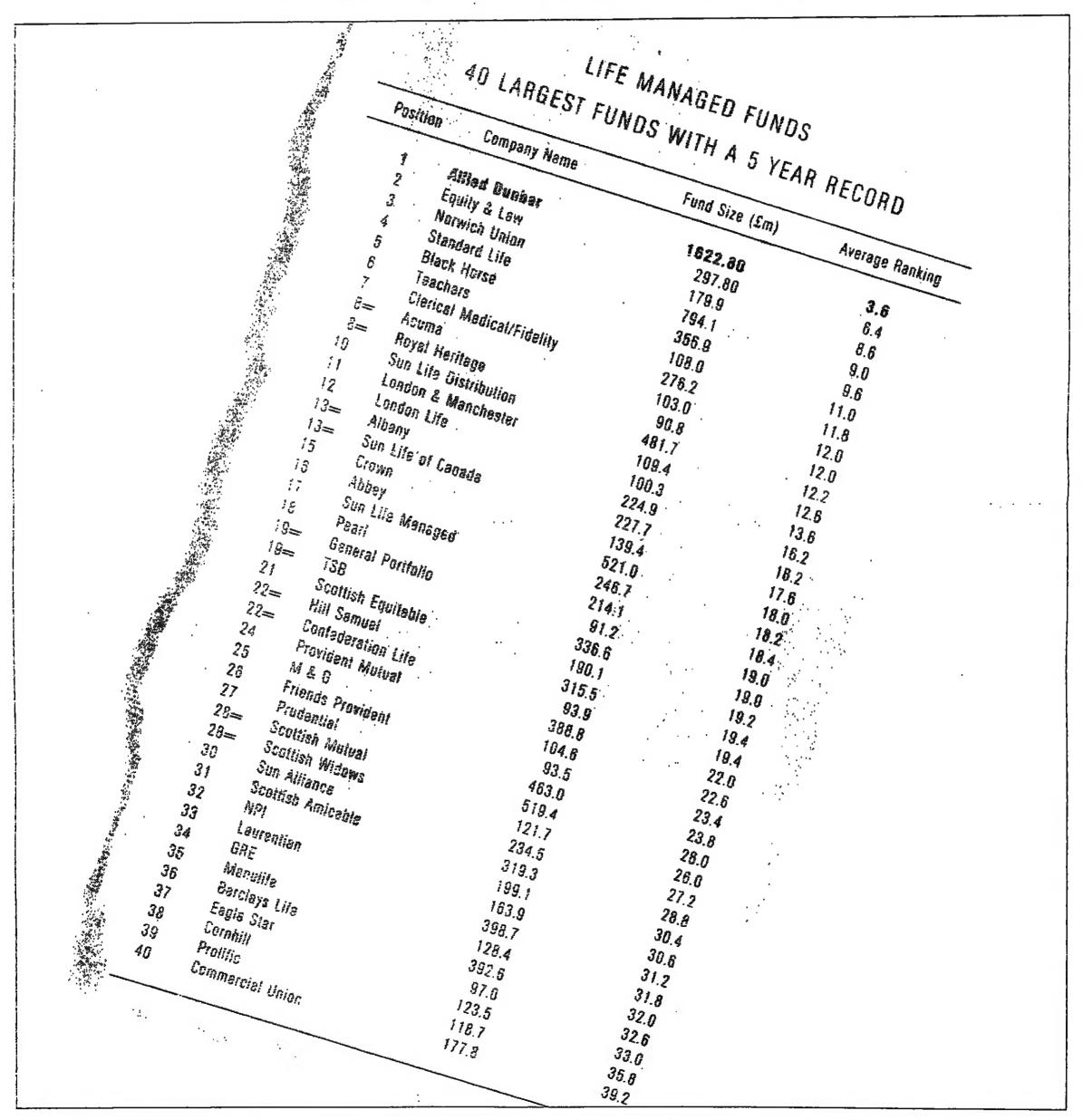
Although Benidorm hotels were criticised, two of the 15 inspected met every standard of the association and the inspectors said that they were in general encouraged by the attempts at improvement in the town. The report blamed tour operators for continuing to send people to potentially dangerous hotels. "Operators cannot just pay lip

service to improving safety standards while still selling holidays to hotels which are clearly unsafe," it said. "Perhaps it will take claims running into million of pounds before they will act and use their power to ensure that holidaymakers are not sent to dangerous hotels."

The magazine also lists the nine worst resorts for polluted beaches, continual building work and general seediness, according to Consumers' Association members. They are El Arenal, Majorca; La Grande Motte, France; Kanoni, Corfu: Nabeul, Tunisia, Quarteira, Algarve, Portugal; Gzira, Malta; Pattaya, Thailand: Gumbet. Turkey: and Sunny Beach, Bulgaria.

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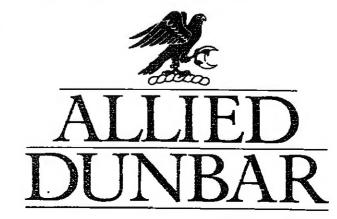


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Hidden rises add to the dismay of rail travellers

increased fares yesterday found that for many of them the true rise in travelling cost was far higher than the double-inflation one they had exper cent more to travel to

Travel costs were inflated by several unpublicised increases. Most communers appeared to be totally unprepared for rises of more than 25 per cent in the cost of parking their vehicles in station car parks.

Elderly passengers on Brit-ish Rail services to London were told that they could no longer enjoy reduced rate tickets for travelling on the Underground. In addition, the 50 per cent reduction they used to enjoy when buying an off-peak travel card has been reduced to one third.

Last week, Mary Chappell, a pensioner, paid £3.35 a day for a return ticket from High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, to Marylebone, which included onward travel to a central zone Tube station. Yesterday, she was charged £4.70, an increase of 42 per cent, for making the same journey.

She said: "I think it is disgusting. I enjoy my job in town but it is getting to the point where it is hardly worth doing. I will have to speak tomy employers to see whether. they understand the position.

Gun raider wounds post man

BY LIN JENKING

A SUB-POSTMASTER shot after he refused to hand over cash to an armed robber was in a serious condition last, night after undergoing emergency surgery. Manmohan Singh Bhalla,

aged 41, was wounded in the stomach yesterday morning after he refused to hand over cash and objected as his attacker tried to follow him into the secure part of a subpost office at Westhourne Park Road, Notting Hill,

Two customers, one a young girl heard Mr Bhalla protesting shortly before a shotgun was fired and the attacker fled out of the back of the shop. It is not known whether anything was stolen in the raid, which took place shortly before 9am.

Mr Bhalla was admitted to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where he underwent surgery for the wounds inflicted by the single-barrelled sawnoff shotgun.

inspector Ian Dyson, of Notting Hill police station, said: "We do not know how many people were in the shop, but we believe there may have been a number of customers who fled when they heard the shot." He appealed for anyone who saw the attacker, described as black, aged about 27, 5ft 6in, and with short afro hair, to come

Riaz Dooley, who runs a neighbouring travel shop; said that Mr Bhalla, married with two children, was not the type to be easily intimidated.
"He is a strong-willed chap and I can imagine him not giving in to a robber," he said. "I've known him for 15 years and you could not meet a friendlier chap. You read about these things, but it is a terrible shock when they happen on your doorstep. I'm just praying he pulls through."

A spokesman for Post Office Counters said: "Everyone in the Post Office is outraged by this crime, which was carried out with vicious disregard for the victim."

RAIL commuters braced for If I were a pensioner in London I would be able to claim free travel. It seems most unfair to me."

British Rail said: "The reduced Underground fares were not socially subsidised in any way and we could no longer afford them.

At Liverpool Street station. many commuters paying fares 8 per cent higher than the week before claimed that the new fares were too much for the service provided. Alan Cook, aged 45, must

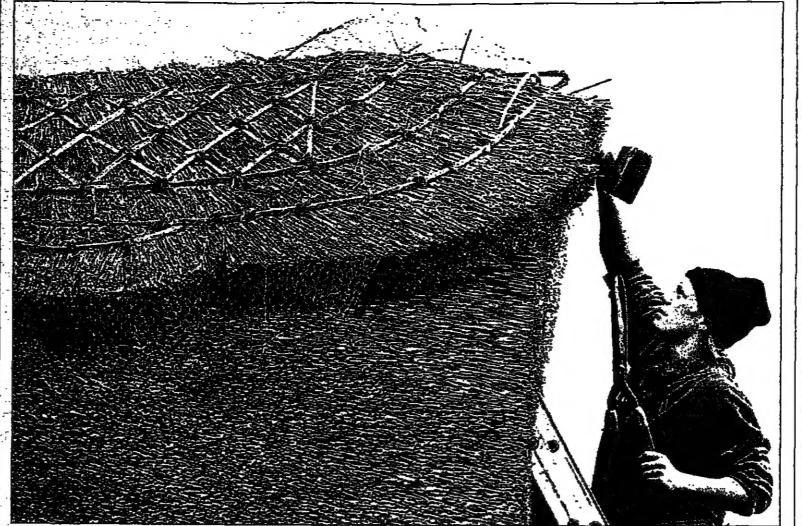
pay 9 per cent more for his £245 quarterly season ticket from Gidea Park, Essex, because of improvements to the service on his line. He said: "I don't think the price rise is merited. There is scope for further improvement. I accept that because of increases generally there do have to be some price rises but they should be no greater. than the rate of inflation."

Mr Cook, a chartered surveyor working for a financial services company in the City, said that the increase would add to pressure on those already feeling the pinch.

James Swanston, an executive search consultant, yesterday endured a ten-minute delay on his journey into St Pancras from Kettering, Northamptonshire, as well as a rise in his fare. He is now paying £89 a week for a ticket, which also covers London Transport, compared with the £35 a week he was paying when he moved to Kettering four years ago.

He said: "How can British Rail justify a rise of 8 per cent at a time when they know many of their customers have either lost their jobs in the past year because of the recession, or if they haven't lost their job they have had to accept a pay rise lower than the inflation rate or no rise at all? The service hasn't im-proved in any way over the past four years. My fares have more than doubled, but my salary hasn't."

John Prescott, shadow transport minister, said: "Not only do we have the most expensive fare system in Europe but the greatest bur-den is on those least able to afford it."



Straw in the wind: Kate Glover, who has become the first woman member of the National Society of Master Thatchers, working on a house at Stanford Dingley, Berkshire. The society celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and claims to be the oldest national body in the craft. Miss Glover, aged 26, of Reading, has worked for a Berkshire thatching company since leaving art college in 1987

Doctors test anti-cancer diet on middle-aged men

BY THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHANGES in diet could give protection against cancer and provide relief from arthritis,

researchers said yesterday.

Doctors in Aberdeen are launching a study to test the theory that a diet rich in vitamins such as those in carrots and oranges can help to protect against, and possibly prevent, some cancers. .

In a three-year project funded by the Cancer Research Campaign, men aged over 50 will be given vitamins A. C and E. and samples of their blood will be analysed for early signs of the changes in blood cells that can lead to cancer. Natural chemicals in the body can cause such citanges, but their impact might be reduced by vitaminrich diets, doctors believe.

The study will be based at the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, and the findings compared with statistics from southern Italy and Greece, where such diets are more common and there are lower rates of cancer of the breast and colon.

Last November, scientists launched what is claimed to be the world's biggest investi-gation of the links between diet and cancer. More than 400,000 people in eight European countries, including 85,000 in Britain, will take part. The first results are expected in about five years.

People who switch to a lowfat diet might gain some relief from arthritis, and fish oil and evening primrose oil might also help, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council said yesterday. Diet could play a role in aggravating the symptoms among many of Britain's eight million sufferers, John Kirwan, consultant senior lecturer in rheumatology at Bristol University, said.

Dr Kirwan is author of an educational booklet published yesterday by the coun-cil. "There is increasing

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some forms of arthritis," he said. "As far as we can tell at present, low-fat diets, cutting out red meat, full-fat milk, butter and confectionery made with butter, together with an increased intake of

some cold water fish or vegetable oil, may enable people to take fewer pain killers and anti-inflammatory drugs." Obesity seemed to make arthritis symptoms worse, but there was no convincing evidence that changes in vitamins or minerals made any difference to arthritis. Suffer-

ers thinking about big changes to their diet should seek the advice of a doctor or dietician first, Dr Kirwan' Diet and Arthritis is available free by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to the council at Brunel Drive, Northern Road indus-

trial estate, Newark, Notting-

hamshire NG24 2DE.

Dentists demand extra NHS pay By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

GROWING concern about the number of dentists giving up NHS work has forced the government to act to stem the drift to the private sector. Ministers fear that in some areas, particularly London and the South-East, many patients have great difficulty finding an NHS dentist.

After months in which the health department denied there was a shortage, ministers are now demanding that a solution be found. British Dental Association negotiators are to meet department officials tomorrow to discuss changes to dentists' pay aimed at rewarding those who make the greatest com-mitment to the NHS.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, met leaders of the association before Christmas. "He was concerned about provision for children, especially those with very bad mouths who may find it difficult to get on a dentist's NHS list." Joe Rich. chairman of the association's general services committee. said. "But he was also con-cerned about areas of the country where it is difficult for adults to get on a list."

The change of heart by ministers follows a health department survey last autumn

to check on the availability of dentists to NHS patients. Publication of the results has been delayed - to save ministerial embarrassment, dentists suspect — but they will be released shortly.

A similar survey by the association last summer showed that the proportion of dentists accepting private pa-tients had doubled in the past year, with half those in London and one third elsewhere in the South-East now accepting private patients. Several family service health authorities, formerly family practitioner committees, have had to help patients find an NHS dentist.

The department is understood to want to create a new allowance payable at different levels according to the amount of time a dentist spends treating health service patients, and to increase the payments for treating But there is disagreement

over how the changes are to be funded. The department wants to reduce existing pay-ments, leaving dentists with the same average NHS earnings of £32,500 a year. The association says the changes must be paid for with extra funds.

Cycle study attacks car pollution

If Britons used cycles for a fifth of their journeys, nitro-gen oxide emissions from cars would be cut by 30,000 tonnes a year and carbon monoxide by 215,000 tonnes, says a study published today.

Seventy-five per cent of personal journeys and 61 per cent of car trips are less than five miles long, says the report by the Cyclists' Touring Club. if 20 per cent of non-walking journeys were made by cycle, more than 6.5 billion miles of car travel would be eliminated a year.

The government and local authorities are urged to plan "cycle-friendly" towns and encourage a cultural shift to cycling. "Continental-style levels of cycling would cut pollution, ease congestion and make people fitter," a chub spokesman said.

BR death case

Neil Cannon, aged 35, a British Rail worker, was charged at Exeter magistrates' court with the manslaughter of a colleague who was crushed to death in a shunting engine cab in a crash last July.

Body enquiry

A woman car passenger complained to a Co-op funeral parlour at Dartington, Co Durham, that staff wheeled a body in a bag across the pavement upright on a trolley, "like a bag of potatoes". The company said the body was on a wheeled stretcher and good procedure was not a company said the body was on a wheeled stretcher and good procedure was not breached.

Hostage alert

Police took a gun and ammunition from a house at Catford, southeast London, and questioned two men after a woman aged 20 telephoned her mother in Sunderland and said that her boy friend was holding her hostage.

Hurt's record

John Hurt, the actor, reads a poem on a record to be released this month to help raise £1.5 million for an alcoholic treatment centre near his home in Co Kildare.

Dummer raid

Thieves stole polo and garden equipment worth £10,000 from the home of Major Ronald Ferguson, the Duchess of York's father, at Dummer, Hampshire.

Family anger

The family of a widow aged 89, who suffered a fatal stroke, blame her death on a Christmas day burglary at Nottinghamshire.

Wily bird

A family of four were woken to a fire at their home in Basingstoke, Hampshire, by the squawking of their parrot.

Homeless no more: Eva Burrows meets people the Salvation Army helped

Homeless in the front line

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Salvation Army yesterday announced plans to raise £35 million over five years to help London's homeless.

The charity intends to increase the number it can help in London from 750 to 1,000, and to upgrade its dormitory-style hostels. About £27 million will be. sought from the government through the Housing Corporation. A public appeal for £8 million will be launched later this year. A £200,000 newspaper and radio advertising campaign started yesterday. The government is considering requests for about £15.5 million for the army to pro-

vide two new hostels and 130 flats in London. According to research for the charity, London's homelessness is as bad as any big Third World city's, with 73,000 in squars, hostels and bed-and-breakfast hotels,

its remit beyond emergency help. Homeless people will be encouraged to move from hostels to semi-permanent accommodation. Commissioner John Larsson szid: "People need not live on the street. People need not live permanently in hostels."

General Eva Burrows, the charity's world leader, said: "Homelessness is not just a social evil in itself, it is the catalyst and the breeding ground for other problems."

Justice waits for jurors

By Frances GIBB

EIGHT Old Bailey courts could hear no cases yesterday when large numbers of jurors failed to arrive after the Christmas break.

The severe shortage of jurors was made worse because court officials had tried to avoid disrupting Christmas holidays and excused 200 of the 500 summoned last Thursday for the start of the New Year term. The Lord Chancellor's department was seeking spare jurors yesterday from other London courts and the Home Counties and using buses to bring them to the Old Bailey.

The department said jurors called to begin their two weeks' service last Thursday had been expected to cover this week's court needs. "A large number failed to turn up and are being pursued and invited to attend tomorrow," a spokesman said.

Jurors can be fined for failing to attend without reasonable cause when summoned. If insufficient jurors are found, trials at some of the 19 courts at the Old Bailey could be affected until next Monday when more than 150 new jurors are due to report for

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Class war rhetoric dogs Ireland's comrades

and 2,000 sleeping rough.

The army plans to extend

By EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

Workers' Party is in the throes of a life-threatening identity crisis as its leader attempts reforms in the face of fierce opposition from the old

Proinsias de Rossa, the party president and MEP, denies that a damaging split is imminent and claims that an overwhelming majority sup-

port his programme. The party, with seven members in lutionary democratic socialist party the Dail, is the descendant of Offi- in the movement for political, ecocial Sinn Fein - the political wing of nomic and social change and the

the IRA. Despite revolutions in the transformation of capitalist socieastern blue and the collapse of the Soviet Union, it has clung doggedly IRELAND's Marxist-Lenimist to what many in the party now see as the embarrassing language of revo-

lutionary Marxism. At the party's last annual conference, in May, for example, the hardline contingent from Northern Ireland forced an amendment to the new programme for democratic so-cialism, emphasising "the central importance of the class struggle, the working class and the role of a revo-

ety". Mr de Rossa and his supporters believe that such rhetoric is out of touch with the perceptions of voters on the Irish le?

An internal report to be debated in March advocates sweeping changes in the rules and structures of the party as part of Mr de Rossa's vision of a more modern and democratic socialist image. That vision is opposed by a small but influential clique of traditional-

ists led by Sean Garland, the party's

Dublin-based national treasurer,

and Cathal Goulding, the former

chief of staff of the IRA, who seem

the racketeering activities of the IRA in Northern Ireland. Further damage was caused re-cently by allegations that big pay-

ments were made to the party in 1989 and 1990 by the Communist party of the Soviet Union. The Workers' party is also suffering in the electorate's eyes from its past support of dictatorial eastern bloc regimes and its failure to condemn human rights abuses in those states.

determined to engineer a split over

the reform programme. The division

can only further weaken a party

deep in debt and unable to shake off

allegations of continued links with

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You're sweeping through the sur the wind in your hair, not a care in the world and gallons of corrosive salt water in every nook and cranny.

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CDs and chart singles turn tables on LPs

Record stores give 12in disc final spin

THE satisfying black sheen of a new LP record may soon be a thing of the past. Already several high street stores are phasing out their stocks of vinyl and preferring to stock only chart singles.

The compact disc now accounts for 46 per cent of album sales, while the LP has an 8 per cent share of the market. It is also becoming increasingly hard to find anything other than popular recordings on vinyl.

The megasiores in central London could produce three copies of David Bowie's Hunky Dory yesterday, and one copy of Mozart's "Serenade for Winds". There were no complete sets of The Marriage of Figaro. Lovers of piped lift music would have had to hurry to snap up the one copy of At the Theatre Alison Roberts charts the decline and fall of the once popular long-playing album

with Mantovani in the Virgin Megastore on Oxford Street. W H Smith joined Boots and Woolworths yesterday by declaring its intention to stop selling vinyl LPs. Brian Wor-rall, head of music at Smiths. emphasised the economic motives behind the decision. Some newly released albums sell on average less than one a

"We know from market research that people have a very strong emotional attachment to vinyl, but they are just not buying it any more. Record companies have been cutting back on the amount of vinyl

CIA killed Kennedy'

der 21 months ago of former foreign minister Robert

Ouko. Mr Ombaka claimed

in a weekly magazine that he

believed Moi-knew Ouko's

quarters of Americans believe that there was a conspiracy behind the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. in 1963, and half of those think the CIA was involved. according to a poll for Time magazine. Almost as many thought the Mafia was behind it. (Reuter)

Jerusalem: Joseph Taylor, a Princeton professor, is named winner of the £65,000 Wolf Prize in physics. The Israel-based Welf Foundation credited him with advances in research on radio pulsars, the spinning magnetized neutron stars that function as accurate clocks. (Reuter)

Nairobi: Kenyan police yes-terday questioned Ooko Ombaka, director of the national Public Law Institute, who arap Mei had backed a gov-

Americans 'believe

killers. (Renter) Alas Parker, aged 47, director of hit films including The Commitments, Bugsy Malone, Fame, Midnight Express, Mississippi Burning and Angel Heart, was dispersed in the Lordon Primary vorced in the London Divorce Court yesterday from Annie, his wife of 25 years. His

ultery was not contested.

Bern: The Chinese premier, Li Peng, will visit Switzerland this month, and go on to Spain, Portugal, Cyprus and Malta. Reports suggest that Chinese authorities failed to persuade London, Paris and Bonn to agree to an official visit, though Li may meet John Major in Davos. (AP)

ber of existing titles they hold," he said.

The Virgin record store on Tottenham Court Road stocks 238,000 compact disc titles compared to only 90.000 different LPs. "For 95 per cent of the population who do not have £2,000 turntables the compact disc has been a revelation," a Virgin spokesman said.

The music industry has been quite Luddite about technology change in the past. But this year is going to see some major technological innovations; and vinyl will simply be pushed out."

Jeremy Silver, of the Brit-Phonographic Industry. said that the LP had been relegated to a specialist mar-"DJs will still want records, and some customers still prefer LPs from a cultural point of view. This whole process of phasing out the record has been very slow in Britain compared to our counterparts in Japan and America," he said.

No-one can deny that the 12in LP is aesthetically more pleasing than the 4in compact disc, and that they are

eminently more collectable.

Fans of the black vinyl will be glad to know that the Liverpool Our Price store had a full selection of Beatles' LPs. Because it's Liverpool and people want the records," the manager said.

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Trams get quietly back on the track

By RONALD FAUX

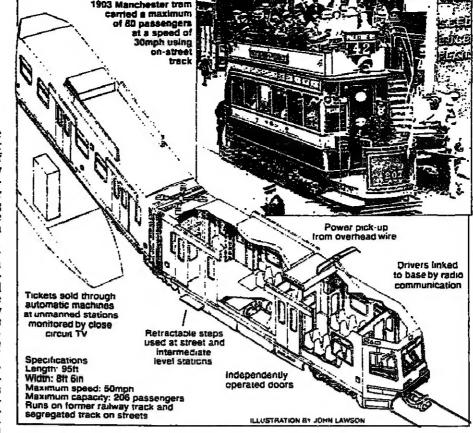
TRAMS will return to the centre of Manchester next month after an absence of half a century. But the new "supertrams" of the Metro-link system, right, are far removed from the clanking double-deckers that once whined and rattled through the city's streets.

The new fleet of 26 vehicles will zip at 50mph through Manchester's outskirts along British Rail lines, then slow to a sedate pace through the city centre. They are spacious and can carry 206 passen-gers in comfort or 270 'crush-loaded".

The trams run along weld-ed track set in shock-absorbent material, using wheels with rubber inserts to muffle the clanking. Retract-able steps adjust to plat-form or street level and there is special access for wheelchairs. Acceleration will be much improved and for emergency braking electro-magnets clamp on to the track.

The object of the £130 million scheme is to ease traffic congestion and cut the pollution caused by car and lorry exhausts.

The first phase of the Metrolink system will open between Manchester Victoria station and Bury on February 21. Piccadilly Gardens and the GMEX



centre will be linked in March and the service be-tween GMEX and Altrino-ham is scheduled to open a month later with a spur from Piccadilly Gardens to Piccadilly railway station ready by early June. The Greater Manchester Pasenger Transport Authority

is trying to raise funds to extend the system to Sal-ford Quays and Rochdale.

10,000 passengers an hour in each direction across the city and carrying more than 10 million commuters a year. The fares structure will be pitched to encourage commuters to leave their cars at home.

A supertram depot has opened at Cheetham Hill. where the vehicles will be kent secure from vandals when they are not in service.

tors every tram. On the railway sections any vehicle passing a red signal will be stopped automatically. When the vehicle is operating in the city centre, the driver will obey normal traf-

fic signals. The Metrolink system wiil eventually serve 26 stations within 20 miles of the city centre with automatic machines dispensing tickets and closed circuit television cameras on watch

Fleeing mayor is jailed for a year

Grenoble: Jacques Mèdecin. the former mayor of Nice accused of underworld links by the late Graham Greene. was sentenced in his absence here yesterday to a year's jail and fined 2.5 million francs (about £250,000) for misuse of public funds.

Medecin, aged 62, a rightwing politician who fled to Uruguay in September 1990. was found guilty of using city funds to pay the costs of a magazine backing his polit-

ical campaigns. He said in Uruguay he had fled because he could not expect a fair trial. (Reuter)

Markov death

Sofia: Stoyan Savov, the former Bulgarian deputy interior minister linked to the 1978 "umbrella murder" in London of the exiled dissident Georgi Markov, was found dead yesterday near his birthplace of Lesichevo, about 60 miles southwest of here. He was to go on trial tomorrow for removing Markov's file from state archives. (Reuter:

Stark surrender Huntington Beach, California: Kent L. Maynard, aged 40, a machine operator depressed because he could not work after an accident, shot at police during a siege at his flat here, and then surrendered wearing only a baseball

Tourists down

Delhi: Tourist arrivals in India slipped by almost 8 per cent during 1991, designated Visit India Year. Several reasons, including the Gulf War. the recession, security in Jammu and Kashmir and political uncertainty after the killing of Rajiv Gandhi, are blamed. (AFP)

Battle for gold

Toulouse: More than 100 miners fought riot police in Carcassone over plans to closed the loss-making Salsigne mine. Western Europe's last gold mine. It will close next month unless u buyer is found. (Reuter)

The Metrolink will give a The operations centre at Queens Road controls the service every five minutes at peak times, whisking signalling system and monithroughout the system.

Father seeks divorce for son in coma

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

FRANCE is absorbed by the chronicle of a talented violinist who has sought a new life since her husband lapsed into a deep coma. Besides raising new legal issues, the plight of Valerie Ducani also touches such sensitive aspects of life as religion.

divorce, and competing family ties. Marc Ducani, then musical director of the Marseilles opera, received a serious electric shock when he was working on the couple's new house a few weeks after their marriage in September 1986. He has lain silent in a hospital room ever since, apparently unable to respond to

the music that his his wife, who plays with the Toulouse opera, performs as often as possible at the bedside.

Four years after the accident, Mme Ducani began a relationship with Frank Getreau, an actor. The two have had a son. Now - though she has no intention of ending her marriage, which, despite Marc's condition, she still regards as a living commitment - Mme Ducani is being sued for divorce by her husband's

father, acting as his legal guardian. To him, Mme Ducani's conduct amounts to "betrayal" of the strictly traditional catholic precepts on which his son was brought up and which, he

wedding vows. Mme Ducani's lawyers argue that adultery. in whatever circumstances, has not been acceptable as "preemptory" grounds for divorce since 1975 and that French law makes no provision for anybody but a spouse to initiate an action. Doctors believe that Marc's condition

is not irreversible and that he may be at least partially aware of what is going on around him. It is now up to a judge to issue a final ruling which, as Le Parisien observed, involves trying to put himself inside the mind of a stricken man in a hospital bed before reaching a decision



North Korea offered nuclear deal

Bush prepared to cancel manoeuvres

By DAVID WATTS. DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

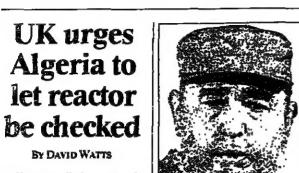
PRESIDENT Bush held out a new prize yesterday to tempt North Korea to permit inspection of its nuclear programme - cancellation of the annual American military exercises with South Korea.

The "Team Spirit" manoeuvres, which are normally the largest held by America outside its own territory, have long been a bone of contention with Pyongyang. North Korea has promised

three times in the past year to sign agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. Each time is attached different conditions, such as the removal of American nuclear weapons from the South or the inspection of Southern military installations. Both those conditions have been met; Mr Bush's offer appears to offer an opportunity to remove the The latest promise came

after Pyongyang and Seoul signed a declaration on December 31 promising to free the peninsula of nuclear weapons. Pyongyang is believed to have a nuclear weapons programme under way that could yield a bornb within the next 18 months. That prospect, combined with the expected takeover of the North Korean leadership by Kim Jong II some time this year, is causing great concern in Washington and Seoul. North Korea has said that it will hold a news conference

today to clarify its position. The prospects for peace in



BRITAIN called on Algeria yesterday to open its new nuclear plant to international inspection at the earliest pos-

The British government is concerned about the reactor being built with Chinese help at Ain Oussera, 100 miles south of Algiers. "We look to Algeria to abide by this undentaking and invite the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) as soon as possible" to inspect the plant, a Foreign Office spokesman

'We also note Algeria's affirmation of a commitment to nuclear non-proliferation. and we urge her to formalise this commitment by acceding to the nuclear non-prolifera-tion treaty," the official

According to the Vienna-based IAEA, the Algerians have approached Iraqi and Libyan scientists to help them in their quest for nuclear status, although both the Algerian and Chinese governments deny that there is any intention of using the plant for the manufacture of nuclear

So far the international monitoring body has enjoyed good relations with the Algerian government and has been promised access to the new plant at the appropriate moment. But there is a probability that, after the second round of the general election later this month, Algeria will have a fundamentalist-dominated government. There are no guarantees that the present goodwill arrange-

ment will then be continued. It is believed that the new plant could be in a position to produce enough plutonium to make a primitive bomb by the late 1990s. Whether President Saddam Hussein of Irao is assisting the Algerians through the supply of technology, fuel or personnel re-



Castro: angry over Moscow's betrayal

Castro to tell all on 1962 crisis

Washington: President Castro plans to deliver on Thursday, for the first time, a detailed account of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, includ-

Dr Castro will make his fore a gathering of prominent officials who took part in the described Dr Castro's plans to Americans involved in organising the conference.

mate ties that developed between Moscow and Havana for more than two decades after the crisis, Dr Castro has generally muted his anger about the bystander role forced on him at the time by Khrushchev, the Soviet leader. But with Soviet disintegration. Dr Castro no longer feels so constrained, said Philip Brenner, an American professor, who will take part in this week's meeting. (AP)





ing the betrayal he felt when Soviet leaders ignored him at the decisive moment.

presentation in Havana beevent. Cuban officials

In recognition of the inti-

Korea, Mr Bush told a press conference, "are brighter than at any point in the past four decades". He coupled his optimism with a promise that America will keep forces in the region "as long as there is a need and we are welcome."
The president held a joint press conference with the South Korean president, Roh Tae Woo, and later addressed

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the national assembly.
"If North Korea fulfils its obligations and takes steps to implement the inspection agreements, then President Roh and I are prepared to forgo the Team Spirit' obli-gation this year," Mr Bush said. The president said that better relations were possible between America and North Korea if Pyongyang ceased being a threat to its neighbours, fulfilled its nuclear

pledges, and improved its hu-

man rights record. South Korea has been wary of the North using the nuclear issue as a bargaining chip to open direct contacts with America, but President Roh, too, said that he was in favour of improved American ties with North Korea if Pyongyang "ceases to be a threat". Mr Roh said "there were a lot of worries" about North Korean compliance with nuclear inspection, but North Korea had promised to allow international inspection and "in my view, they will faithfully follow through".

President Bush flies into lapan today on the first official visit by an American president since 1983. With one eye on the reactions of the American electorate, he will be primed for four days of "tough talking" with the Jap anese over their stubborn \$40 billion (£21.6 billion) trade surplus with America and what are perceived to be unfair Japanese barriers to

American exports. With the recession casting a shadow over the approaching American presidential election. Mr Bush will be forced to suppress his geopolitical instincts on this trip. Instead, he will be required to battling for American access to Japanese markets, a privilege that the Japanese fear has been linked, in the minds of the American electorate, with a miraculous recovery

for the American economy. To stiffen his resolve, Mr Bush will be shepherded by a delegation of 20 senior executives from recession-hit industries who are having trouble selling their cars, refrigerators and other products to Japan's consumers. Although the Japanese are naturally alarmed at the prospect of being blamed for the American recession, they are, char-acteristically, well prepared for Mr Bush's visit. They are expected to offer all manner of soothing statements de-

signed to strengthen Mr Bush's position at home. The prime minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, was in a concilia-tory mood yesterday. "I in-tend to assist the United States as much as possible."



Calligrapher's block Barbara Bush. who is accompanying President Bush on the American leader's 12-day tour of Asia-Pacific countries, laughing yesterday at her attempt at Korean calligraphy in the national museum in Seoul, South Korea. The best efforts

of her instructor, Kwon Oh Sil, seemed to be of little help. President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea sent Mrs Bush 47 red roses to mark her 47th wedding anniversary yesterday. The American president, when he was asked what present he planned to give

to say, remarking "I don't want to ruin the surprise because I haven't made up my mind yet." President Bush added that the South Korean leader's gift of flowers "almost had

Settlers challenge peace process

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN RACHAELIM. WEST BANK

THE muddy tents and plastic water tanks located on this windswept plot do not at first ok like much of a threat to Middle East peace prospects.

Sandwiched between two Palestinian villages on a bleak stretch of road under the watchful eye of an Israeli army position, Rachaelim, with a population of fifteen. pales in comparison to the scores of rapidly expanding snowy hilltops of the occupied West Bank.

But yesterday the fledgeling settlement, founded on the spot where two Israelis were killed in an ambush by Palestinian gunmen on the eve of the Madrid peace talks, became the focus of the latest demonstration by Jewish extremists in a campaign to ensure that Israel never relin-quishes an inch of what they regard as their God-given

To make the point, hundreds of heavily armed settlers joined by several rightwing members of the Knesset and at least two cabinet ministers renewed their vows to Leading article, page 13 challenge anyone, even the

right-wing Yitzhak Shamir. who dares even to consider

any compromise, "One day this will be proper community, and not just here but everywhere in Judea, Samaria (West Bank) and Gaza," Rahamim Zeevi, the leader of the extremist Molodet party and a cabinet minister in the coalition government, said.

Mr Zeevi, with the ultranationalist Tehiya party, renewed threats yesterday to pull out of Mr Shamir's government if the Israeli negotiators now in Washington offer Palestinians self-rule in the occupied territories.

· Peace talks: The Israeli delegation to the Middle East peace talks arrived in Washington yesterday and immediately went on the offensive against their absent Arab negotiating partners, chiding them for not arriving on time. (Our Foreign Staff writes). In Cairo, the Egyptian govern-ment said, however, that the peace process would collapse if Israel continued such actions as the expulsion of Palestinians from the occupied

dangers still plaguing Beirut Adam Kelliher looks at the

Blast lays bare

prospects for peace in Lebanon and the chances for a repeat of last year's respite from violence in 1992

The car bomb attack in west Beirut which killed 15 people last week was the latest sign that Syrian security in Beirut can still fail to deter the determined. Even if the Syrian interior minister's promise to hang the bombers at the blast site is fulfilled, the rule of law is unlikely to gain new re-spect in Lebanon in 1992.

The high point of peace was last summer, when about 300,000 expatriate Lebanese returned to sample the extraordinary lifestyle of their nation. They lingered at beach clubs, dined and danced at elegant restaurants and had grand reunions with friends and relatives who chose to endure 16 years of civil war. But most of the well-heeled tourists have left, saying it would take another year to prove that peace would last.

That their doubts were well founded has been shown by the bombing of the main building of the American University of Beirut on November 8, and by escalating violence in southern Lebanon between the proxies of Syria and Israel to score diplomatic points in the US-

brokered peace process. Conspiratorial conjecture is a national hobby in Lebanon. The blame for any action which undermines the nation's chances of peace is attributed to Syria, Israel and America. But it is still Lebanese killing Lebanese. To rebuild a war-torn infrastructure, the Syrian-ap-pointed cabinet desper-ately needs to tap funds estimated to exceed \$20 billion (about £11 billion) that are held by emigre Lebanese.

Apull-out of Syria's 40,000-strong contingent would almost certainly be followed by an outburst of adventurism and lawlessness, whether from Christians, Hez-bollah, or just bandits. A yardstick of Lebanese sec-urity is the safety of foreigners in Lebanon, now that most Western hostages have been freed.

An experience of my own, just days before the last three American captives were freed, underlines the fact that Beirut's streets are not yet safe. My mistake was to break the cardinal rule for foreigners



in Beirut: I arranged in advance to be at a certain place at a certain time.

The appointment was to check a used car with a young man-I had met at a barber's shop. He took me and a female companion to a car park off a busy street in a good area of west Beirut. A battered Volvo screeched to a halt beside us, and two men jumped out, leaving a driver inside. They were all in their early thirties and had

the appearance of devout Shias, with thick, dark beards and the look of intensity I had seen during Hezbollah rallies in the southern suburbs. One, coming close to me, asked in Arabic if the car was for sale. We went to check another car, only to be fol-lowed and again confronted at close quarters by the bearded men, who were obviously disconcerted to find a woman present. Volvos are the preferred abduction vehicle. Our Lebanese companion pulled us over to his car, hissing "Don't speak Eng-lish to that man: He is dangerous. It is dangerous dangerous It is dangerous to be a foreigner in

We backtracked through rut. Lebanese investiga subsequently suggested that the two men were either recalciangered that hostage-taking was no longer sanc-tioned by their tranian paymasters, or recruits paid by Libya.

The Lebanese authorities are slowly restoring order. But it is perhaps unwise to assume that the kind of Beirut gangs which stole years from the lives of hostages like John McCarthy have been tamed or

Call for , security force in Somalia

Nairobi: An armed peacekeeping force with the back-ing of the United Nations and other international organisations should be sent to Somalia to protect aid workers and bring peace to the country after a year of civil war, the UN under-secretary for African affairs, said yeserday (Sam Kiley writes). Speaking after a series of

visits to Mogadishu, which has been devastated by seven weeks of fighting between ri-val members of the United Somali Congress, James Jo-nah said that "nothing short of a peacekeeping force would be acceptable as a solution to the problems."

Mr Jonah was sent to the war-torn Somali capital by Javier Pèrez de Cuèllar, the outgoing UN secretary-gen-eral. He ended his mission yesterday and will make his report in New York later this

Although he emphasised that his visit to Mogadishu. as well as to the north of Somalia where a UN worker was murdered at the weekend, was "to gather information and make a report to the UN Security Council", he ignored the usual diplomanc protocol and named General Muhammad Farrah Aidid as being the greatest obstacle to a ceasefire in the war which has so far claimed between 5,000 and 10,000 lives.

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Saddam boast

Nicosia: President Saddam Hussein marked Iraq's army day with a defiant speech boasting of missile attacks on Israel during the war and insisting that his forces were ready to take on all new

Rebels retreat

Ndjamena: Chadian rebels loyal to Hissene Habre, the deposed president, have retreated to the Niger border area after suffering heavy casualties during a government counter-offensive last week, military sources said. (Reuter)

Newsmen held

Monrovia: Prince Johnson, the Liberian renegade rebel. has detained two journalists, including a local correspondent for the BBC. An official of the West African peacekeeping force in Monrovia was trying to contact the rebel camp. (Reuter)

Firearm taken Jerusalem: General Yossi

Ben Hanan, national security council chief and famous for war exploits in 1967 and 1973, fired at the tyres of a car reportedly following him. Police took his firearm. The general is close to an ultraorthodox Jewish sect. (AFP)

Archer mission Istanbul: Jeffrey Archer, the author, is reported to have met Masoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdish Democratic party, in Salahuddin. He is now on his way to Chamcha-mal, where Jalal Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, has his base.

Kaunda goes

Lusaka: Zambia's opposition United National Indepen-dence party said it had ac-cepted the resignation of former president Kenneth Kaunda as party leader. The party would hold a congress in April to elect a new leader, an official said. (Reuter)

Four executed

Peking: A married couple and two other people have been executed in the northern Chinese city of Harbin for kidnapping and selling more than 60 women for prostin-tion (Reuter)

Canine curb Peking: Police and dog-catchers in Shanghai plan to kill tens of thousands of pet dogs in the next few months, the Liberation Daily reported. The measure is designed to combat rabies and reduce noise. (AFP)

Getting better

La Jolla, California: Mother l'eresa remains in a fair condition and seems to be "getting back to her old feisty seif" as she recovers in hospital from pneumonia. Doctors hope the nun, aged 81, will be out of the intensive care unit soon. (AP)

Duty palls

Dhake: About 700 guards at Dhaka central jail, Bangladesh's biggest prison, left 30,000 prisoners unguarded when they joined a two-hour national strike. No escapes were reported. (AP)

Defiant songster bridges troubled waters

PAUL Simon, the American singer-composer whose Graceland record brought South African township music to a world audience in the mid-1980s, plans to ig-nore threats from black militant organisations and perform in Johannesburg on

His tour, which will be the first by an international mu-sic star since the United Nations lifted its cultural ban on South Africa, has come under from the Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian People's Organisation. Both are groups on the radical fringe of black politics with questionable support and neither voiced objections to Simon's visit when it was announced several months ago.

In a letter to Simon in New York, the Azanian movement said the time was not right for his "Born at the Right Time" tour. "Should you, however, insist on coming here, please be informed that you will be coming to a hostile climate and certainly not conducive for your performance." South African newspapers have reported threats of violence from the Azanian movement

and smaller groups. In a country starved of so much for so long it is perhaps understandable that the singer's impending arrival should encourage organisations on the fringe of show business to

Despite noises of radical protest, the ANC, Inkatha and Pretoria found a rare harmony in hailing Paul Simon's tour, write Charles Bremner from New York and Ray Kennedy from Johannesburg

try to get on the act. Both of these organisations boyconed the important constitutional meeting between the leading parties in South African politics, held in Johannesburg last month, which included the government, the ruling National party, the African National Congress and the

Their last-ditch attempt to stall Simon's visit is being viewed in South Africa as an totally inept political strategy that will hardly convince those it is supposed to influence. The government ANC and Inkatha, in a rare show of unanimity, have said they

approve of the tour. Yesterday the offices of the organisers were besieged by fans seeking tickets. About 200,000 people are expected to turn up at the Ellis Park rugby stadium in Johannesburg where the concerts are to be held and yesterday Colo-nel Frans Malherbe, the chief police spokesman for the Johannesburg area, said the police had not yet decided on

security measures. The ANC required Simon to promise that he would hold classes for young blacks while in the country. "The main thing is the majority of people want to see Paul," said Attie Van Wyk, the promoter of Simon's two-day concert in Johannesburg. Simon was criticised by

anti-apartheid activists when he travelled to South Africa in 1985 and recorded township musicians, using their work to give an original flavour to tional hit. Critics said he exploited black musicians for his personal gain but Simon and his supporters argued that he brought celebrity to the South African genre, gave work to its musicians and heightened awareness of injustice there. Late last year, one of the township musicians. Headman Tshabalala of the Ladysmith Black Mambazo singers, a friend of Simon, was shot dead by a

white security guard. In his latest tour and associated record, launched last year, Simon mixes the sound of the townships with music from other African states and heavy drum playing from the Brazilian Amazon. For crit-



Graceland revisted: threats from radicals have failed to deter Paul Simon from making the tour

ics. Simon's lyrics are too personal and introverted to carry the political message they would like to hear from his "world music". In a recent interview, Simon said the killing of his township triend had brought home the suffering of blacks there. "I am not thinking of the potential for violence but I know that anything can happen," he

told british reporters. • Johannesburg: More than half of an estimated 30,000 white conscripts due to report this week for a year's full-time

the End Conscription Campaign, the defence ministry admitted for the first time that racially-based conscrip-

national service in the South

African armed forces are ex-

pected to ignore their call-up.

In response to the claim by

it was claimed yesterday.

tion is an anomaly since the repeal last year of the Population Registration Act. All white youths young men from the age of 18 are required to do a year's full-time national service, most of them in the

THE uribulations of Georgia and its fugitive president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, have been reported with great prominence on Moscow television for the benefit of the rest of the former Soviet

Before the resignation of President Gorbachev and the dissolution of the union, pic-tures of tanks on Tbilisi streets, gun-carrying youths and injured civilians had a message this will be your fate, too, unless you preserve the union. That Georgia con-tinued to occupy sp large 2 part of news coverage and comment, even after the red llag was lowered over the Kremlin, probably reflected both the drama of events in Tbilisi and editorial inertia. It did not reflect any concern: that Georgia's absence damaged the new Commonwealth of Independent States, or Russian popular interest in

Georgia or the Georgians. Tucked away in the mountainous southwest of the for-mer Soviet Union, with a population of flamboyant businessmen, stylish women and an incomprehensible alphabet, Georgia's most fam-ous son is probably Stalin. It

As bemused Russians coolly observe the Georgian democrats' resort to violence against their freely elected president, Mary Dejevsky looks at the long-term significance of events in Tbilisi

is regarded by the northern Slavs with something of the combined contempt and amusement that northern Europeans reserve for parts of the Mediterranean. Photographs of urban guerrillas in Georgia did not translate into Russian reality and triggered no fear, and only a little

Any suggestion that the Georgian "virus" might spread beyond the Caucasus therefore seems improbable. The whole region is inherently unstable, but in its own way. There is a dense patchwork of ethnic groups with compening territorial claims, some of them age-old, some stemming from Stalin's redrawing of borders.
Once the threat of force

against nationalist opposition to Soviet rule receded. Georgia — like many other repub-lics — started to assert itself against the centre, and the resurgence of Georgian na-

tionalism was matched by the resurgence of smaller ethnic groups. Many suspected, however, that the bitter opposition to Mr Gamsakhurdia, who campaigned for election on a platform of national revival, reflected not only the minorities' fear of Georgian dominance, but intervention from circles in Moscow which wanted to make trouble for the emerging republics.

Georgia was a particularly easy victim for Moscow, because it is geographically small and the minority groups are in self-contained clusters around the periph-ery. Now that the old centre no longer exists, Georgia has been left to its own devices. No one is inviting it to join the new commonwealth; no one has sent troops, except possi-bly the North Caucasian Chechens, to support either side or to sort out the mess. The nearest any Western country has come to intervenKEY DATES IN GAMSAKHURDIA'S REIGN

Nev 14, 1990: Zvied Gamsakhurdia, pro-independence coalitio leader and former dissident, elected president of

parliament.

Parliament votes to set up a national guard to replace conscription to the Soviet Army.

Parliament unilaterally declares independence.

Gamsakhurdia elected president of rapublic.

Prime minister Tengiz Sigua and several members of the government resign. Sigua and Tengiz Kitovani, national guard commander. join

opposition.

Loyalist troops fire on 2,000 demonstrators.

After series of clashes in which ten people killed, parliament ratifies state of emergency.

Opponents led by Kitovani besiege parliament.

Daath toll from a week of flighting rises to 200.

Military opposition councit says it is taking power and forms provisional government.

Four Gemsakhurdia supporters killed at raity.

Gensakhurdia flees parliament where he was holed up for three weeks.

tion is to exempt Georgia from the diplomatic recognition accorded to other

Now, the only way in which this patchwork of conflicts and violence impinges on Russia proper is in the spreading seizures of weapons and the flourishing illegal arms trade. So far, however, the weapons are being used for one purpose only: for one ethnic group to fight another ethnic group in the Caucasus. The two-week conflict in Toilisi, however, had little

ethnic conflicts. It was a purely political conflict, and personal to the extent that the removal of Mr Gamsakhurdia was the single aim. The politics of the struggle was central media based in Moscow tried so hard to draw public attention to it, but with

signal failure. Well before the armed conflict in Tbilisi began, a number of Russian intellectuals had aligned themselves with the anti-Gamsakhurdia opposition. Their concern was

ementary rights, not only the rights of minorities, but free speech and freedom of the

press as well. The man who had been elected by 85 per cent of the population, a former dissident with ostensibly unimpeachable democratic credentials, found himself accused of dictatorship and increasingly opposed by a highly articulate minority. This minority, most of whom had earlier campaigned for Mr Gamsakhurdia's election. had excellent contacts in Moscow and abroad and their views dominated the Moscow media.

By now, the truth has become so clouded by accusa-tions, and latterly by war, as to be almost invisible. But a measure of the anti-Gamsakhurdia movement resembled the smear campaign conducted by the KGB against Boris Yeltsin, the Russian leader, until he was unchallengingly elected. tions of demagogy, of heavyhandedness, of ignoring public opinion, the same attempts to provoke violence

and so demonstrate the elect-

Stalin: Georgia's best known-claim to fame

ed leader's incapacity to govern. Violence proved easier to foment in the Caucasus than in Moscow or the Baltic area. Even so, the first campaign of violence against President Gamsakhurdia last autumn failed. The winter campaign

With the Moscow intellintsia and the democraticalinclined Russian press lisposed against President Gamsakhurdia, commentary has concentrated on the difficulty of ousting dictators. Few have chosen to ask in detail what the opposition, fighting

racy", thought it was doing in sending tanks and machineguns against the elected president rather than working through the elected parliament. Few have even examined in detail the charges against Mr Gamsakhurdia that branded him a tyrant although they included his

aversion to hostile reporting. Inside Georgia, President Gamsakhurdia's popularity. seven months after his election, was not put to the test. If it had been tested after the eruption of violence in Tbilisi, the prevailing chaos would doubtless have lost him support, but maybe not as much

as the opposition believed. Georgia's "democrats" must now prove their credentials. But outside Georgia, too, the democrats should examine their consciences. Their uncritical acclaim of an opposition which so quickly resorted to violence does not bode well for democracy else-where in the former Soviet Union. This, perhaps, is the only transferable lesson to emerge from Georgia's unhappy experience.

Gamsakhurdia flees, page

TONY WHITE

Yugoslav ceasefire

Thin line of hope links two armies

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ON THE eve of the Orthodox Christmas yesterday, a thin line of grey wire laid across the most exposed and dan-gerous stretch of front line signified the first fragile bridge of trust between the warring sides in Yugoslavia on the third day of the larest

The installation of a single field telephone link between the army and the Croatian commands came after two hours of strained talks between the two parties in the first face to face talks field on the battlefield between opposing commanders. Serb irregulars looked on distrustfull and soldiers disconsolate kicked a punctured football while their seniors talked.

The consultation, brokered by the European Community monitors, was held on a railway level crossing in the certly between Mirkovci, comrolled



UN team ready for Croatia

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

A TEAM of 50 military observers is expected to take up positions in Croatian battle zones within a few days as a first step towards deployment of a full-scale United Nations force, UN officials said

The security council was due to approve the observer team after hearing a report from Bourros Bourros Ghali. the secretary-general, on a peacekeeping plan which would eventually send a 10,000-strong force into three Serb-controlled zones of Croatia. The decision will be taken only after the warring sides abide by last Friday's ceasefire and after civilian leaders give their consent.

While Mr Bouros Ghali and Cyrus Vance, his mediator, are hopeful that this 15th ceasefire will hold, they and the security council are adamant that UN troops should not be sent as long as there is a chance they will meet

armed opposition. Under the plan, which draws on a UN pact reached in Geneva on November 28, some 8,000 lightly armed motorised infantrymen will establish protected areas in demilitarised zones, assisted by 500 police observers and civilian experts. France yesterday offered to provide force. Mr Vance said that he had asked that about 200 EC observers already in Yugoslavia he deployed to observe the

by the federal army and Ser-bian irregulars, and Vink-ovci, the battered Croanan stronghold. Their respective suppers looked on from hidden positions.

Three senior army repre-sentatives threaded their way through the barricades past the yellow sign announcing Vinkovci, now scored through and ornamented with the subtitle "Serbia", to meet proaching gingerly from Vin-kowii Both nervously negotiated the mines, while six EC observers, three approaching from each side, were on hand to preserve the strict symme-

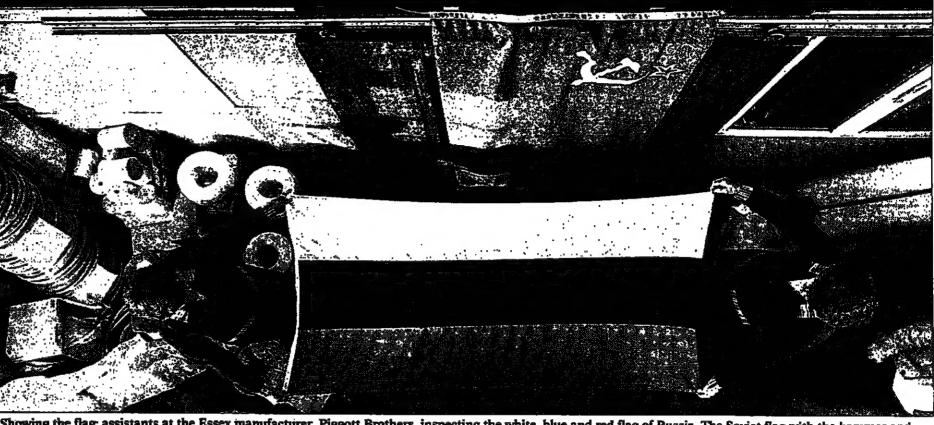
Meetings between the two take place every day. Today the army is due to venture into Croatian territory to the beadquarters of the National Guard in Vinkovci.

The success of the ceasefire. a precondition for the disnatch of UN troops to the region, is particularly difficult to sustain here on the eastern Slavonian frontline, which has seen some of the bitterest fighting because of the con-

Yesterday's rapprochement began against a background of unexplained machine-gun fire and the occasional shell crumping to earth in the fields around. But there was also a more inspiring naturalomen: a burst of sun in the grey sky as the two groups approached. They huddled together to discuss previous violations and methods of future liaison and agreed code names for their telephone relationship: "Bravo" for the army, "Liotel" for the

The field telephone link was made by Zvonko Bumbar, on the Croatian side, and Nedeliko Spiric, for the army who, it emerged, had both been members of the Slavonian Athletics Chib in Osijek in the days before Slavonia was

numed into a battleground. But as the parties left the meeting yesterday, neither side seemed convinced that the guns would stay silent for



Showing the flag assistants at the Essex manufacturer, Piggott Brothers, inspecting the white, blue and red flag of Russia. The Soviet flag with the hammer and sickle will be packed away. The company, established in 1780 and based in Stanford Rivers, is making the flags for British firms welcoming Russian businessmen

French clergy shielded man | Mauroy quits as charged with war crimes

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE man alleged to be one of France's most notorious war criminals evaded justice for years with the help of an elaborate network involving monks, priests and cardinals, an investigation by the country's Roman Catholic hierarchy has concluded. In a 400-page report deliv-

ered yesterday, the commission of eight historians appointed to examine the case of Paul Touvier, former leader of the pro-Nazi mille in Lyons, said that he was sheltered on church property, financed from official funds, and supported in an attemp to win a pardon by clerical sympathisers around the

country.
Arrested in May 1989 at a Nice priory run by adherents of the ultra-traditional wing of the church, M Touvier is now awaiting trial on charges of crimes against humanity. According to some reports, he is suffering from cancer. Although it was known that he had enjoyed the protection of various religious figures for more than four decades, the commission has established beyond doubt the extent to which senior churchmen aided and abetted him.

Michael Evans, page 12 cuses attention once more on



Touvier: kept in hiding on church property

the sensitive issue of the French hierarchy's conduct during the Vichy era. At one remove, it could also reopen the wider, and equally painful, debate about the Catholic church's attitude to the Holocaust.

As the commission unflinchingly notes, some of M Touvier's defenders in France saw him as being the victim of a conspiracy by the eternal enemies of the true faith" -Jews very much included. Although the report argues that the church as a body was not itself directly implicated, In doing so, the report fo-, there is no attempt to whitewash the senior figures who

were willingly involved. Among those singled out is the late Charles Duquaire, who served as secretary to the pro-Vichy Archbishop of Lyons, Cardinal Pierre-Marie Gerlier, and his successor, Cardinal Jean Villot. Duqaire appears to have been a key figure in shielding M Touvier: "He adopted Touvier and his family, becoming his protector, his investigator, his strategist," the commission

Since Cardinal Villot went on to become secretary of state under Pope Paul VI in 1969, it is possible that Duqaire might have sought to influence events in the Vatican. French clerics are known to have been behind the campaign of petitions that secured an official pardon for M Touvier in 1971 (it was subsequently rescinded and he went into hiding again).

The sympathy for M Touvier, whose involvement with Klaus Barbie's reign of terror ed, was most deeply felt in what have become known as fundamentalist Catholic circles. The late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre was patron of the priory where M Touvier had lived for years before being caught.

Socialists regroup

A LAST-DITCH effort to revive the fortunes of France's ailing Socialist government will begin today with the resignation of Pierre Mauroy, the party's secretary.

A number of cabinet changes are also being considered by Edith Cresson as the prime her dismal standing in the opinion polls during the runup to important regional elections in March. The departure of M Mauroy, a former prime minister and at 63. a veteran of Socialist party infighting, was not entirely unexpected following discreet

leaks to the press last week. During his three years in the hot seat, he has found it increasingly difficult to hold the party together, most recently as several factions began manoeuvring for the eventual succession to President Mitterrand in 1995.

Although insiders say that M Mauroy is utterly worn out and wishes to avoid being made a scapegoat for the widely anticipated drubbing in the regional elections, the presidential hand can be seen behind his decision to stand down. By all accounts, the new year finds M Mitterrand in combative form, apparently undaunted by his upopularity with the voters and raring to go

In the words of Jack Lang. the president's effervescent spokesman, juggling his met-aphors: "The president has made it clear that he refuses to sit back and be shorn like a sheep and that he wants to put a tiger in the tank." With Mme Cresson's office weighing in to report that "commando" action could be expected soon, the party is intent on putting the misery of her first nine months in office behind it.

M Mauroy's resignation reflects the uneasy awareness that getting the party back on the rails swiftly provides the only chance - and a slim one at that — of staving off disaster in the 1993 parliamentary elections. Firmly identified with the old guard of "popular socialism", whose strongest roots were in his northern fiefdom around Lille, M Mauroy was ambushed by rival groupings at the party's special congress

last month. The rejection of his proposal to introduce a form of proportional representation as a damage limitation exercise for the coming elections effectively signalled the end of his influence on policy.

realised that the impor-tance of English in the

world would automatically

give it precedence in the

Yesterday the chancellery

was keeping discreetly si-

lent about all the fuss,

which began with a report

last week that Herr Kohl

had written to Jacques

Community.

Soldiers leave the Ukraine

Kiev: The first 1,000 Russian military men who declined to take the Ukraine oath of allegiance yesterday flew back to St Petersburg, Moscow and Nizhni Novgorod after an honourable discharge from barracks across Ukraine.

Almost two hundred officers and men from Russia, plus smaller numbers from the central Asian republics, bade farewell to their unit at the Florivski barracks in Ukraine's capital, at a brief ceremony devoid of the fanfare that greeted the initial Ukrainian swearing in of its national guard at the week-end. Their departure is likely to be the first of many as commonwealth forces, and Ukraine's national guard and

Moving west

Bonn: New figures show that 200,000 people left east for west Germany in 1991 in search of work and better living standards. Klaus Kinkel, the justice minister, admitted that the former victims of communism had good reason to be dissatisfied.

Current affair

Sofia: Ukraine has restored some electric power supplies to Bulgaria in response to a top-level appeal. Bulgarian officials said. Supplies had stopped when a temporary barter deal between the former Moscow satellites ended on New Year's day. (Reuter)

Greek fears

Athens: Greece has shelved plans to reduce military service because of instability in the Balkans, Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, told a conservative party conference. He said that the unrest could last for years. (Reuter)

Fire escape

Sainte Maxime, France: A burglar spent 14 hours stuck in a chimney, terrified that the owners of the house in this French Riviera town might light a fire and roast him alive. Firemen freed the man after the owners raised the

German bile rises over 'liver-sausage' English speakers

WE British are off our heads, as any reader of Bild's front page could read yesterday. We are just playing the "beleidigte Leberwarst" ("offended liver

The mass-circulation daily was outraged to find that counterparts in Britain had likened Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, to Hitler because at last German could become an equally en-titled official language of the EC alongside English and French".

Bild, which inspired the charge to unification with whole editions printed in the red, gold and black national colours, is now urging the chancellor to fight for cial language of the Europe- steiners.

Britons are under fire for resisting calls to put German on an equal footing with French and English in Europe, Ian Murray writes from Bonn

an Community. "Remain firm, chancellor!" exhorted the front page headline. The idea was far from

being "rubbish", the paper said, as a quarter of all west Europeans aiready speak German, making it the most widely-used language on the continent. German linguistic dominance in the EC would grow with enlargement since the 100 million Europeans who speak the language include Austrians, German to become the offi- Swiss, and Liechten-

Not just numbers, but, as Bild sees it, fair play is involved. "We pay 28 per cent of the EC budget on our own, yet German plays no part in the EC bureaucracy. EC papers are printed only in French and English, German is not used at conferences - a disadvantage for our economy. When it comes to invitations to tender, we often have to wait weeks for an official translation — so the English

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Strong language: Bild exhorts Helmut Kohl to push for German to be an official EC tongue

paper adds ruefully: "How about the fact that English nice that at least they all want our mark."

sober General-Anzeiger warns the chancellor against pressing for Gerand French have a better Britain has never worried because of discrimination." opportunity." The news-

is not the first, merely the second language of the By contrast, the more Community, the paper points out. "Even the former prime minister, Margaret Thatcher never - so far man-language equality. as is known - intervened

Delors, president of the EC commission, about upgrading German. There was no such letter, the official spokesman said. However, as a Bundestag report from last September makes plain, the government "will demand at every level" that German be placed on an equal footing with French and English as an official EC language.

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CINEMA

Keep it cheap and in the family

In its struggle against recession, Hollywood is slashing budgets and turning its

back on sex. David Robinson reports

ollywood is an anxious place as it faces 1992. Things have changed: but nobody yet quite knows what direction the future will take, or how it will affect the films we see. Recession is biting hard. For the first time in 15 years. the annual box-office attendance in America has slipped below one

Companies that seemed impregnable are tumbling. Orion, with two of the biggest films of 1991 — Dances With Wolves and The Silence of the Lambs - to its credit, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Carolco may follow suit, following massive lay-offs and dramatic stock collapse. Although Carolco's Terminator 2 was the biggest box-office hit of the year, the film's \$100m (£54 million) production budget appears to have over-extended the company.

MGM-Pathė suffered a year of turmoil in 1991, folio-'Hook and its wing its adventures with Signor Par-retti, the Italian begetter, waiter-turned-fi-Spielberg. nancier who was removed as its head. exemplify the Parretti is currently in jail in Italy, facexcesses of the ing tax evasion charges. As other Eighties' companies struggle, the only Holly-

wood major cur-rently expanding its operations is the Japanese-owned Sony Entertainment Corporation, which is refurbishing the former MGM lot in Culver City for its Columbia and TriStar divisions.

Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, refuses to be dispirited by ali this. He points out that the fall in domestic attendances goes with a massive rise in the home video market. Moreover, Hollywood's foreign market continues to grow. Today 41 per cent of the industry's revenues come from abroad, compared with 23 per cent 12 years

People are not satisfied with the dreary plausibilities of everyday living. They want to be entertained. Which is why American movies are wanted and watched everywhere on this weary, wracked planet. That's not a fancy. It's a fact."

Valenti feels that alarm at falling box office and rising costs is a positive lesson to the industry. "In my opinion this adversity may be

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the best thing that has happened to us in a long time. We have become flabby. We have made pictures that shouldn't have been made because we thought that when we beckoned, they would come, as they say

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in Field of Dreams . . . "We allowed our kinship with audiences to grow slack. We offered them less than we are capable of, and not as much as they deserve. When competition for funding grows tense and the struggle for an audience's favour tightens, the creative curve inevitably ascends."

Hollywood is watching with particular anxiety the fortunes of Hook, which opened just before Christmas. The film and its begetter, Steven Spielberg, exemplify the excesses of the Eighties. A prodigal lavishing of sets and special effects on a small fantasy update of Peter Pan. Hook is

believed to have cost not less than \$80m. To recoup this will involve gross box office takings of at least \$250m. First predictions make this seem unlikely. Variety wrote: "Hook, in all its opulence and frenzy, may be singled out, not necessarily on its merits as a movie, but

as a metaphor for a time that is no more." As Hollywood adjusts to a changing economy, the watchword is "more is less". Disney boasts that the cost of its pictures has been running 20 per cent below last year's levels.

The 150 films the major distributors will release during 1992 are estimated at average budgets of \$19.5m, compared with \$19.8m in 1990. Fewer films in future are likely to escalate up to and above the \$40m mark.

Stars are taking salary cuts. The handful of box-office infallibles such as Julia Roberts, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mel Gibson and Kevin Costner can still name their price (Schwarzenegger's remuneration for Terminator 2 included a 1982 Gulfstream jet and Carolco is paying Michael Douglas \$15m to star in Basic Instinct). Other stars, however, are finding their fees slashed by as much as 50 or 75 per cent. Writers are facing similar

For years Hollywood has narrowed its sights to the teen and



Extravagantly overloaded fantasy? Dustin Hoffman as Hook and Robin Williams as Peter Pan in Steven Spielberg's Hook

twenties market. Recent major successes such as Home Alone and Beauty and the Beast, however, have managed to provide fun for the juvenile audience at the same time as entertainment for the more mature spectator.

In consequence there is a widespread feeling that survival in the next decade could be a matter of creating wholesome, family-oriented entertainment. In earnest of this, Warners is planning a new Warner Bros Family Films Division, while Universal, Paramount, TriStar and Columbia are said to be looking in the same

"Everyone is waking up to the same thing at the same time," says one Hollywood executive. "Maybe because all the executives are baby boomers who suddenly understand family entertainment because they

have families, or maybe they just the publishing empires of Pulitzer and Hearst. understand that there is a real return to family entertainment and

Columbia is preparing Into the

Woods, TriStar a musical life of

Lotte Lenya, to star Bette Midler. Universal plans two animated musicals: Cats and We're Back,

ex is out of fashion. Ironi-

cally the new NC-17 rating

which in theory would

permit more adult subjects

has coincided with a period of

general conservatism, together

with an Aids-related evasion of

sexuality. Peter Rainer, in the Los

Angeles Times, points out that it.

was no coincidence that the hero of

the very successful sex, lies and

videotape was an impotent voyeur.

which is about dinosaurs.

In this new climate the musical, after years of apparent extinction, is back in a big way. The impetus has been the enormous success of Disney's The Little Mermaid and Beauty and the Beast — not to speak of the \$100m which the company should earn from the video release of the 50-year-old Fantasia. Disney's 1992 animated musical will be Aladdin, while Fantasia Continued, is already in the works.

families in general."

Disney is also returning to liveaction musicals. The company's 1992 releases will include Swing Kids, the story of a band of jazzobsessed youngsters in pre-war Nazi Germany; and Newsies, about an 1895 newsboys' strike against

"In most of the new films there's often so little going on between Every studio, it seems, has musimen and women on any level that cal projects. Warners is still looking when sex happens, it's weirdly for a director for Les Misérables. abstract." Sexuality, he points out.

> videos and magazine advertising. The erotic attraction of violence, however, is likely to survive in the new era. Paul Verhoeven, director of Robocop, is currently making the aforementioned Basic Instinct. which is a sexual murder mystery. In a recent debate on screen violence he said, "Art is a reflection of the world. If the world is horrible, the reflection in the mirror is horrible. Every human being has a nasty, shadowy side."

has moved fron movies to pop

For the moment, though - pace Verhoeven - it seems that Hollywood might see economic advantage in family fare and the nicer side of humanity.

RECORDS: CLASSICAL

Mixed doubles

Schubert: Sonata in A, Rondo, Fantasy. Kremer, Afanassiev. DG 431 654-2 Chopin: Scherzos, Bar-ceuse, Barcarolle. Poliini DG 431 623-2

HERE are two doses of double astonishment, the kind that comes when extraordinary skill works away at reawakening music, so that all the busy brilliance one hears is functioning in a breathtaking feat of artistic excavation. Gidon Kremer and Valery Afanassiev have aiready done that for the Brahms violin sonatas; in the last three of Schubert's works for violin and piano, as before, the effect is to make the music seem odder and more various.

There is not much room for that in the A major Souata of 1817, but the two pieces of a decade later, the B minor Rondo and the C major Fartasy, become masterpieces of the musical Gothick. A lot of the characterisation comes from Afanassiev: he has a leaning towards sublimated kitsch. The opening of the fantasy has a beautiful, quiet rolling tremolando that retrieves magic for the gesture while recalling its debasement at the hands of cinema pianists. Kremer's entry here, and again when the material is repeated after an allegretto and a set of song variations, is marvellously stealthy; he is also appropriately alert and mercurial in music that comes from the age of Paganini (Schubert was actually writing for a young Bohemian player, Jo-

sef Slavik): Schubert's violinist also had an association with Chopin, whose four scherzos are the main stuff of Maurizio Pollini's latest record. This is typical Pollini: "dazzling", one might call it, if that did not suggest a showiness quite alien to this musician. Where much of the outer music in the first scherzo goes at almost unbelievable speed, the effect is jagged. manic, violently lit — certainly not a spinning of mere brilliance. And Pollini can be just as much on the edge in the slower music: in the intensity of his phrasing, or the tension he reveals between rival contrapuntal lines, or the meaning of what might have passed for a conventional accompanying figure.

Paul Griffiths

Mersey money

THE campaign to refurbish Liverpool's art deco Philharmonic Hall, home of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, received a big boost yesterday. Michael Portillo, the minister for inner cities, announced a £3 million "urban programme grant", conditional upon the orchestra raising a matching £3 million from private donations in the next three

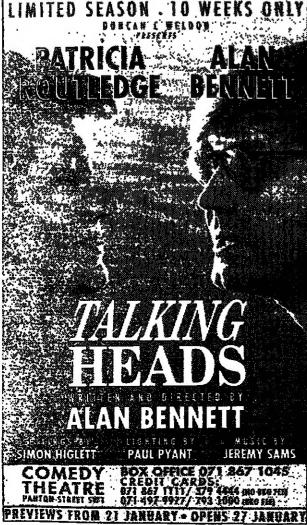
The challenge is not as

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daunting as it appears. because the appeal fund, launched last January, already stands at £2.18 million, thanks largely to a £1 million donation from the charitable foundation set up by the Littlewoods pools heir. Peter Moores. Now the orchestra (the only one in the country to manage its own hall) wants to increase the appeal target to £9 million to allow the acousties to be improved.

Last chance . . .

FOR its first venture into "arena opera" the Royal Op-era revived Andrei Serban's fittingly spectacular 1984 production of Puccini's Turandot, which is fattened admirably to fill Wembley Arena (081-900 1919). Strongly cast, well played; only the amplification leaves room for doubt. Final perfor-mance tonight at 7.30pm.



GALLERIES: EDINBURGH

Scrubland and adobe

lemenceau observed that America missed out on civilisation, progressing directly from barbarism to degeneration. Any first-time European visitor prejudiced by his remark is assured of a humbling experience. Apart from museums bulging with the imported heritage of the old world, there is the indigenous prod-uct; not all of it weak and

Texas is not the first place one might expect a distinctive native school of paintings to have developed. Yet it was in the Southwest - not just in the Lone Star State but even more impressively in neigh-bouring New Mexico - that, between the wars, a modern realist style took root and

derivative.

Over the next 30 years a group of artists, many of them women, produced a wealth of paintings and graphic work which has the same quintessentially American feel about it as the music of Aaron Copland. Not with-standing the New York phenomenon of abstract expressionism, it is arguably the most valid visual manifestation of 20th century America's innate artistic sensibility. Unfortunately for members

Andrew Gibbon Williams reviews a

show of American art, on a visit from Texas to Scotland

Printmakers, one-time surre-alist Georgia O'Keeffe chose to live near that attractive town and magnet for artists: Santa Fé. Her reputation was so effectively promoted over the years that less demonstrative talents elsewhere in the region were obliged to take a

Texas Realism, an intense little show from Dallas's Southern Methodist University organised under the auspices of the John Judkyn Memorial in Bath, puts a choice selection of them up front. In doing so, it demonstrates a paradox: awe-inspiring environments are often better served by self-effacing artists than by great egos.

For half a century until his death in 1989, the artist Jerry Bywaters, a professor at the university, diligently assembled this unique collection. Conveniently, it is within Bywaters's own work that the salient features of the school are most comprehensively ex-

emplified. In a compelling oil he painted in 1939 and called Mountains Meet The Plains, almost tangible shafts of light stream through clouds gathering atop a dramatically undulating horizon; below, a massive typography is defined in vivid chiaroscuro. He describes rocky outcrops and cacti with the crisp, incisive technique of the Italian Quattrocento, and - with a limited palette of earthen hues leavened by the occasional dash of vibrant colour succeeds in invoking the spir-

Bywaters is a discovery, but he fails to make as much of the mysterious atmosphere of rural Texas's expansive scrubland as he might. For that reward one must turn to the even more striking, almost early Renaissance vision of William Lester. By the introduction of some dozing apostles, his lithograph Rock and Cedar might easily be converted into a depiction of Christ's agony, echoing Mantegna. Accentuating anthropo-morphic qualities in natural forms. Lester frequently approximates to English artists

who were playing the same game during this period. Not all these artists refrained from populating their scenes. Perhaps the best known visitor, Missouri-born Thomas Hart Benton, seizes upon the relationship between cowboy and herd, de-lighting in the asymmetrical shapes of buckled stetson, rickety barn or wind-driven

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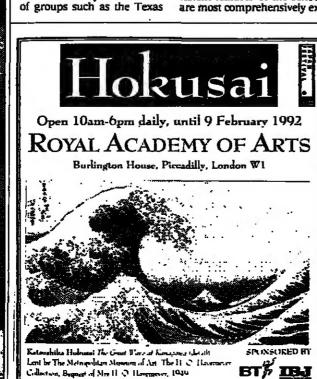
Unrestrained and uncomfortably close to kitsch: Otis Dozier's Jack Rabbits, 1935

water pump and infusing his subjects with macho excitement. An even less restrained trespasser on territory conWild West artists, Frederic Remington, is Otis Dozier. As with Remington, however. Dozier arrives at artistic sol-

utions close to kitsch. Most of the prints in this exhibition modestly project an impression of Texas which is untroubled, contented and industrious. Perhaps then, in view of the show's source and motive, it is a shame that the most gripping items derive their power from the land of the chilli and pueblo.

Stella LaMond and Alexandre Hogue Both focus on that most picturesque feature of New Mexico: adobe architecture. It seems that this state's blend of Indian and Spanish cultures stimulated these artists as effectively as it seduced that other painterimmigrant, D.H. Lawrence.

Texas Realism from the Southem Methodist University Art Col-lection, Dallas, at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031-556 8921), until February 2.





Sculpture with arches

Liz Smith reports on footwear at Hobbs, designed by Marilyn Anselm

to match the company's clothes

very time Marilyn Anselm designs a suit or a dress for her chain of Hobbs shops, she knows precisely the style of shoes that should be worn with it. Once she is able to leave her designs with her team of pattern-cutters in the Regent's Park mews housing the London headquarters of Hobbs, Mrs Anselm heads for Italy to have the shoes made. Most fashion shops stock the accessories required to complete an outfit. Hobbs is unique in selling footwear and clothing created by one designer committed to a well co-ordinated look.
"When I was working on 1960s.

inspired dresses, ideas about platform soles, rounded toes and chunky heels came drifting back, and I had some made," Mrs

Anselm says, lining up a pink dogtooth check jacket and slip dresses in sugar pink and white ottoman against a display of stubby-toed pumps in black patent or sugar pink. Alongside are more elegant, two-toned navy and white courts on thick, sculp-tural high heels, priced £57.99.

and shown right Hobbs navy and boucie jacket, £99, and matching skirt, £39.99."Not every woman wants to look like a baby

doll," she says.

Zipped inside a second-skin catsult of charcoal Lycra and wool (worn with tweed hacking jacket and sleek tan ankle boots), Mrs Anselm talks as enthusiastically about Hobbs's new long "suffragette" skirts or washed silk bush jackets as the strappy gladiator sandals (£49.99, right) and "Betty Boop" clumpy-toed court shoes coming

into the shops for spring. Ask which design process she enjoys most, and she is clearly stumped for an answer.
"I immerse myself in both," she says. Brought up in Derby, Mrs-Anselm had no formal fashion train-ing. She studied sculpture at the Central School of Arr. a discipling to

which she constantly refers when taking about the lasts, sculpted heels and materials of her shoes. Her enthusiasm for balance and tension in a design and the "wonderful space" outlined by arch and heel might be meat for Pseud's Corner, were it not so clearly illustrated by the suede court shoe, £57,99, shown below. "A shoe designer should be a sculptor rather than a painter," she says. For that reason she admires the sculptural work of Robert Ciergerie. the French shoe designer.

She sketches every simple "decollete" on to the vamp of a papercovered last herself to achieve the effect she wants, and constantly battles to put right the subtle changes that inevitably occur in the manufacturing process of a heel as it progresses from the original wood sculpture to the final plastic heel.

When, after all her efforts, she discovers copies of her boots and shoes knocked off by competitors, she is justifiably angry. Plagiarism is the price of success in the fashion business. Not that Mrs Anselm needs further proof of her waress.

In 1980, when she opened the first Hobbs shop in South Molton. Street (then London's only upmarket shopping mail) Mrs Anselm pioneered the idea of providing women with a co-ordinated ward-robe at an affordable price. This was before Next and Jigsaw, and there was a market gap between inter-national designer style and the big chains. The name Hobbs was picked from an advertisement in Horse 8 Hound for George Hobbs horse boxes (Mrs Anselm organises her work schedule to allow maximum time with her horses at home in Oxfordshire), and the thorough-

bred style was carried through with the bottlegreen labels and polished wood de cor in the shop. Just over a de cade later, 15 Hobbs shops flourish around

the country, their sites chosen for prettiness as much as for much as for potential customer traffic. After the success of the first two shops (a branch in King's Road, Chelsea, quickly followed the original West End shop) Mrs An-Well-heeled: designer and shoes selm spent hours in Covent Garden

in peak shopping periods before she decided they could afford to open another shop in the area.

rs Anselm says: "We sell clothes that are not expensive, but have an upmarket appeal. We want a catchment of customers who appreciate good value." At Hobbs a multi-colour striped wool blazer is priced £136, a classic white shirt costs £44.99, and a pair of linen trousers £49.99.

Hobbs remains very much a family business. Mrs Anselm's husband, Yoram, a computer specialist. has run the business from the start. Their elder daughter, Amy, has taken over responsibility for the production of more than 30,000 pairs of shoes and boots each season. as well as all knitwear which, like Hobbs footwear, is manufactured in

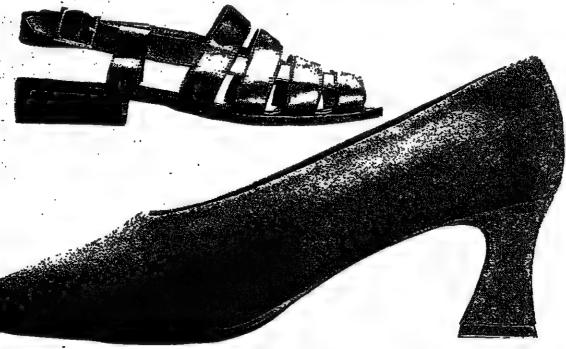
The younger daughter, Kate, now 19, left Central Saint Martin's School of Fashion last year and divides her time between helping her mother with displays and work-ing in the Oxford branch, the newest, at a site in Little Clarendon

All design decisions are made by Mrs Anselm, who works with only one assistant, Kari Henry, who trained at the Royal College of Art.
The Hobbs style in shoes and boots tends to be flat and sporty rather than glamorous, reflecting Mrs Anselm's own taste. Best-sellers inchide an elastic-sided flat shoe, priced at £35 and a rubber ridgesoled ankle boot, £52.99.

The Hobbs's success can be measured by the fact that there are plans to open two more shops this year, the first in Edinburgh.



Suit yourself: Hobbs's navy and white boucle jacket and skirt, also available separately, and courts



Question of balance: Marilyn Anselm's gladiator sandal, above, and her suede court shoe with sculpted heel

How Wren was revived by the Angel

A home for the elderly recalls the classic lines of a master architect

any architects spend a lifetime agonising in the search of a language of their own time. John Melvin has found one.

Two miles north of the

Angel in Islington, north London, there is a "Wrennaissance". Not in the late 17th or 19th-century idiom. but in a vigorous and unmistakably contemporary one. Not only Wren would have

approved, but Vanbrugh and Hawksmoor, too. Here is the modern building full of movement, with a bold facade and a romantic silhouette of chimney stacks and roof pavilions. Mr Melvin has also revived a tradition of English architecture, quality housing for the elderly as represented by Wren's hospitals at Chelsea and Greenwich.

His clients, the Mercers (the oldest of the city livery wanied to make provision for the elderly in inner London. Few central sites have been available for projects, but local authority cutbacks have led the Borough of Islington to release land it had intended for its own use.

The commission for 384-400 Essex Road represents a brilliant marriage of charity and community interests. It provides 29 new flats for the elderly, half nominated by the Mercers and half by the council.

as well as a new surgery next door for doctors serving neighbourhood council flats and Mercers tenants.

Excellence stems first from the fact that the Mercers wanted buildings that would last and age well. Their immediate appeal lies in the mellow tone of bricks in hues of pink, brown, and orange, mixed at random. The bricks come from Germany, simply because they were haif the price. Mr Melvin has also revived the traditional Flemish bond which became dominant in the 17th century. with end-on bricks (headers) alternating with stretchers (set longways). Most striking are vertical chequered panels. inspired by Lutyens's Marsh Court".

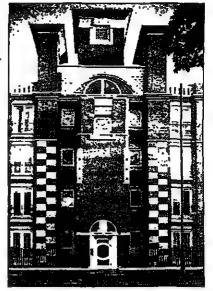
vin attended the Paliadio exhibition in Vicenza, "to search for the source of the London terrace house. Part of the Palladian box of tricks is the hierarchy of window sizes, getting smaller towards the top. That wasn't possible Hence the vertical modelling, disguising "that the windows are the same".

His buildings, he says, are coded with references to Charles Holden and Norman Shaw, his heroes. The tall chimney stacks are taken from Wren's Wilmslow Hall. Each has four flues and the roof pavilions contain lift motor rooms. What gives them style are bold, positively Egyptian cornices. Each

pavilion is flanked by chimneys and chequer panels alternate with the three-storey entrances. To prevent monotony, the street corner is turned on a skew, with chequer work carried up the chimney stacks.

Mr Melvin was determined that, "you must feel a pride of possession as soon as you cross the threshold". So the woodwork of the doorway is richly detailed and inside he makes a feature of sculptural beechwood staircase posts.

The flats open off the staircases and lifts, two to a floor. and consist of sitting room. kitchen, bathroom, main bedroom and study bedroom. There is a live-in warden on the top floor. A communal laundry is provided.



Bold facade: the home's entrance

Isabel Harris, the warden, says: "I was working with sheltered housing before. Old people, still fit, would move in and become apathetic, just because it was like a home with 24-hour care. Here they have to stay independent. And there are none of those long corridors which breed gossip and friction.'

One criticism, she says, is that the lounge near the top of the building is difficult to reach and too small. "They've had a parties there and can hardly dance." While five storeys is more

than usual in such accommodation, most of the tenants who came to view the flats, asked for one of the higher ones. Mrs Harris says. Helen Groombridge, aged

83. is content. council flats. It was awful. Cold and damp. Here it's warm and very well kept." Dureen Ashton, aged 58, who lives in a lower ground floor flat, finds the lifts convenient. "I can go and see my father, in the next block.

by taking the lift to the top, walking along the corridor, and taking the next lift If Mr Melvin gets the Royal Institute of British Architects award he deserves, "for emulating traditional qualities without pastiche or parody",

MARCUS BINNEY

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commissioning a further

block from him.

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The art of instant antiquity Created in Britain today — the

ontemporary work by living craftspeople could become as collectable as antiques in the not-too-distant future, according to Paul Whitfield, the deputy chairman of Bonhams, the London

To focus attention on 20thcentury works, Bonhams is holding a selling exhibition this month of pieces de-signed and made in Britain over the past two years by 130 craftsmen. This spearheads a month of auction sales at Bonhams with a post-war or 20th-century theme.

Over the past four years. Bonhams has identified itself closely with contem-porary work, so why this departure from a sale by auction to a selling exhibition with fixed prices? "We have held auctions of

post-war material in the past. but this method of selling is not always effective for new work," Mr Whitfield says. "The buying public tends to react more cautiously when presented with contemporary furniture and other applied arts. It was commonlace a century or more ago for works by living artists to outperform antiques. We are convinced that this is the direction in which collecting is going," he says. By extending the viewing

collectors' pieces of tomorrow hammer's Damocletian preszier-Jones, in materials ranging from wood to metal or carbon fibre. Other cate-gories include ceramics, sure, he hopes the exhibition will attract homeowners looking for decorative fur-

nishings as well as collectors. But he gives a warning: These are pieces for the future. It is important to take a dynastic approach and treat the work as heirlooms." The exhibition consists of about 1,000 works, all of which are one-off pieces or one of a limited edition. The bias is on modern furniture.

with more than 100 pieces by

designers including Ron Arad, Fred Baier, John

Makepeace and Mark Bra-

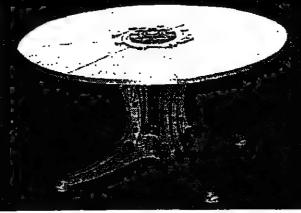
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and musical instruments. Prices are often cheaper than those at galleries since Bonhams' commission, incorporated in the maker's selling price, is a low 30 per cent. The accent is on affordability, although it is possible to pay £24.000 for an expanding circular dining table by Senior Carmichael.

glass, silver, lighting, floor

coverings, book-binding, stained and decorative glass

Many pieces are hovering



period while removing the Art of dining well: Senior Carmichael's £24,000 table

around the £100-£200 mark.
How can you tell which
pieces are likely to increase
in value? Mr Whitfield
advises: "Trust your own
judgment. The pieces have
been selected for their qualbeen selected for their quality and the consistency of their makers."

One of the aims of the exhibition is to provide contemporary craftspeople with a showplace. Peta Levi, its curator, has been en-couraged by the response from the designers, many of whom have created new work for the exhibition. She has also been surprised by the number of designers keen to cooperate with each other. Chris Lisney, a furniture and lighting designer, has teamed up with Neil Bottle, a textiles expert; Caroline Viv-ian, a lighting specialist, and Harriet Wallace-Jones have made wall hanging frames.

Under Ms Levi's guidance. many of the designers have made practical items for the home, including a video cabinet by Petter Southall, li-brary steps by David Field and an exuberant metal cocktail cabinet with lit glass shelving by Davey Boyall.

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Resisting the fanatics

Disregard for the law must be punished, even if it prolongs militancy, says Janet Daley

ith the unanimous support of his outlandish self-appointed Muslim "parliament". Dr Kalim Siddiqui went on record last week as advising Muslims in Britain to break any law which they felt to be hostile to their interests. Since Dr Siddiqui is relentless in his insistence that the death sentence on Salman Rushdie is still binding on devout Muslims, this presumably includes the law against incitement to murder. Dr Siddiqui was exultant at the time of the Rushdie furore that although his remarks were examined by the Office of Public Prosecutions, no grounds were found for a criminal charge against him Similarly, in spite of last weekend's highly publicised act of unrepentant bravado, no charges of any kind have been

brought against anyone. Since the Beirut hostages are now free, the explanation for this must be entirely to do with the sensitive state of British race relations. Presumably the apologia for failing to pursue eople who incite to crime would go something like this: prosecution of Muslim spokesmen could be expected to inflame people already defensive about their position in this country. Better to let this nine-day wonder burn itself out than to create marryrs who would prolong the fashion for

There is no point in pretending that there is an easy answer to this. The most difficult task any liberal democracy can face is defending itself against illiberalism, particularly the well-organised, manipulative kind which makes use of the very openness of a host society to further its totalitarian intentions. Organisations and countries priding themselves on open access and freedom of expression are always prey to bullying cults and power-mad cabais. However, this attempt to distort the character of the Muslim community and represent it as something that most of its members intensely dislike is different from some other famous cases of democracy

being subverted by militants. The Muslim "parliament" has set itself up in deliberate opposition to the rules, declaring itself opposed to some of our most fundamental freedoms, such as that of an author to publish his thoughts, or a woman to be educated. We do not have to resort to any tortuous reinterpretation of our own constitution to declare this clique of agitators beyond the pale. All we have to do is enforce the law. This is a problem not in principle

o justify the commitment of his "parliament" to flouting the rule of law. Dr Siddiqui has stated that Western democracy is simply a form of mob rule which runs roughshod over the interests of minorities. When Plato used this argument, it had some force against a simplistic kind of democracy in which majority voting by all eligible citizens would settle any issue. In modern political life, dominated as it is by interest groups, it is absurd to claim that a closely knit and articulate group with forceful leaders cannot make its influence legitimately felt. If particular demands — for separatist demilitarisation will then Muslim schooling for example — are not being spread across the country. Airmet, it is because their intentions are seen as inimical to social attitudes which most people in helicopters, will be crucial to the inis country accept

Home Office experts, tip-toeing around the problem and hoping it will die a natural death. are probably content with the condemnation and contempt which have rained down upon this jumped-up "governing" body from religious and secular Muslim spokesmen. That Dr Siddiqui himself found it necessary yesterday to deny that he had called for law-breaking must have been a great comfort. What is overlooked is the damage which may be done to the restrained and decent Islamic majority in Britain. Failure to take such provocation seriously compounds racist resentment and insults the Muslim population with its dismissiveness.

The home secretary is clearly vividly aware of the danger that legal pressure on Dr Siddiqui would cause even reluctant Muslim leaders to support him. But the risk is worth taking. Kenneth Baker should sound out the largest possible number of Muslim religious authorities and community leaders to explain his position in advance, and then bring the full force of the law down on Dr Siddiqui and his fundamentalist rabble-rousers. This might just draw the Muslim population out of the ghetto of ethnic separatism and into full participation in political debate.

Polls say voters are ready to pay more tax, but self-interest wins out in the end, argues Ivor Crewe

to cut or not to cut? With taxes and spending movthe cabinet are urging the Chancellor to slice a penny off

income tax in the Budget. Trimming income tax is a natural temptation for worried Conservatives. It would make voters feel richer, boost consumption, restore business confidence and reinforce the deepetched but fading notion that the Tories lower taxes while Labour raises them.

Conservatives who read the polls urge caution. Gallup regularly asks whether "it is more important to reduce taxes or keep up government spending". In September a mere 9 per cent wanted taxes to be cut "even if it means some reduction in government services, such as health education and welfare". Fully 66 per cent wanted government services to be extended "even if it means some increases in taxes". The majority in favour of extending services has been fairly constant since 1987.

But to Conservative advocates of a tax cut, the political attraction is that it would put Labour on the defensive. Voters would

A bribe that few can resist

switch to the Conservatives, the reasoning goes, out of fear, not out of gratitude. But voters are much less frightened of a Lab-our Chancellor than they used to be. Fewer than one in 10 cite higher taxes as a reason for not voting Labour, which is well behind the proportions citing Neil Kinnock's leadership, the trade unions or Labour's lack of economic competence. The Conservatives are still the preferred party when it comes to taxes, but only just

Public sentiment about taxes has changed. The 1988 reduction of the top rate to 40 per cent and last year's raising of VAT produced a marked swing in favour of more progressive taxes. After the last Budget, a threeto-one majority preferred a progressive tax to higher VAT, even among Tory voters. According to the 1991 British Social Attitudes report, the proportion considering taxes too low "for those on high incomes" grew from 39 per cent in 1987 to 50 per cent in 1990.

Percentage swing to Post-budget rating of Chancellor (9 2 month 1955 (Butler) 1959 (Heathcote 1964 (Maudling) 1970 (Jenkins) 1983 (Howe) 1987 (Lawson) On past evidence, moreover

electioneering Budgets fall flat (see table). In 1955, Rab Butler took 6d (212p) off income tax. but the polls did not move. In 1959. Heathcote Amory's tax reductions were followed by a mere 0.5 per cent swing to the government. Voters were similarly ungrateful when Sir Geoffrey Howe granted aboveinflation tax allowances and social security payments in 1983. In 1987. Nigel Lawson reduced standard income tax from 27p to 25p. Again the public response was less than

enthusiastic: two-thirds ap-

proved, but people were evenly divided over whether it would

help to expand the economy. bring about prosperity or reduce inflation, and were downright sceptical about whether it would make it easier for people like

[themselves] to manage".
The only pre-election Budget to produce a substantial swing to the government was the studiously non-electioneering (and monetarist) Budget of Roy Jenkins in 1970. The headlines lauded Jenkins's "responsibil ity", he set the popularity record for a Chancellor (which still stands), and there was a 5 per cent swing to the Labour government the following month. The tax-cut lobby replies: so much the worse for polls. Lab-

election, while the Conservatives went on to win in 1955, 1959. 1983 and 1987. The electioneering budgets of the 1950s and 1980s did not give the government a bonanza of votes, but the government did not actually lose support. And there is no known instance of a commitment to restore taxes gaining votes. On questions about tax, voters deceive the pollsters because they deceive themselves. In the secrecy of the polling booth, the wavering voter will place selfinterest before compassion, and will opt for the reality of a tax cut

There is some evidence to support the cynics. The BBC/Gallup election survey in 1987 found an overwhelming 84 to 11 per cent majority in favour of extending services. But only 35 per cent of the respondents were in favour of restoring Mr Lawson's 2p cut; and the Tories were handsomely re-elected. Indeed, the last-

before the promise of better

minute dip in Labour support during the 1987 campaign was almost certainly due to government-orchestrated fears about Labour's tax plans. Many more voters pay taxes than go to hospital, send children to schools or draw social security benefits. In the current economic climate, altruism might be in even shorter supply.

But it is not simply a matter of selfishness or hypocriss. A lax cut is real; better services are merely an aspiration. A party leader would not promise to raise taxes unless he meant it. but he might promise better services without achieving them.

So is the government's dilemma actually difficult? The best of all worlds - cutting taxes, looking responsible and embarrassing Labour — may be possible. If Norman Lamont is really cunning he will steal Labour's idea (now shelved) of introducing a 15 per cent tax rate for the lower income bands. That would boost the "feel good" factor, symbolise John Major's softer, classless brand of Conservatism, and dish Labour.

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Giving peace a last chance

Michael Evans outlines some of the dangers that UN forces

may face in divided Yugoslavia

agoslavia is about to be added to the list of peacekeeping operations undertaken by the United Nations. Ever since West European governments demonstrated their reluctance to send troops to separate the mais from the Serbs, there has been a feeling that the blue berets would inevitably have to be deployed. Intervention by the United Nations is now the only hope for peace.

The first difficulty a UN force would face is the lack of a single. clearly defined buffer zone across the country, as there is for example in Cyprus. This means the military plan will have to be based on the concept of "ink blots", consisting of several demilitarised zones located in key areas. The hope is that spread across the country. Airborne surveillance, especially by

success of the strategy The aim of the UN units in the demilitarised zones will be to defuse any developing dispute before it escalates into armed conflict. This is what the UN force in Cyprus has been doing for 27 years. If they are fired upon, they are entitled to fire back, but not with the intention of inflicting heavy casualties.

In Yugoslavia both sides are armed with artillery, and if the UN soldiers come under shellfire, there will be little they can do, other than stay dug down and make a formal complaint. Peacekeeping can be highly dangerous: at least 800 UN soldiers have been killed. However, the purpose of the peacekeeping force will be to generate confidence between the two sides. Its very presence should reassure those feeling most vulnerable to attack.

Within each area, the UN will

set up observation posts and mount patrols. The daily routine of parrols will help to maintain stability and to force the Croats and Serbs to be answerable for their own actions.

The essence of a UN peacekeeping force is that operations depend not upon the use of force, but upon consent. Military personnel are allowed to use only mininum force while exercising their right of self-defence, so peacekeeping is mostly a question of observing and monitoring.

A heavyweight Western Euro-pean Union peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia. equipped with artillery, armoured vehicles and all the paraphernalia of an expeditionary army, would have been highly provocative. Even if the rules of engagement had been strictly limited, the presence of artillery as a means of defending the WEU units might have invited trouble, with the Europeans caught in the middle taking shells from both sides.

The Korean war and and the Gulf war are the only examples of the Security Council deciding to enforce peace, although during the Congo operation in the 1960s, the council agreed to use force as last resort to implement the mandate to end the cessation of Katanga. The concept of self-defence for the UN troops was also broadened then, because of the breakdown of law and order and the lack of an effective central government. In the end the UN force helped establish an elected government as well as ending the anarchy in

the country.
This UN success is a stark contrast to the disaster of the second non-UN multinational force which was sent to Beirut. Equipped with heavier arms than the first mission in 1982. this operation was doomed.



Nationalists demonstrate for a greater Serbia, but United Nations troops must maintain a strict neutrality

partly because the local Muslim militia viewed the French as the protectors of the Lebanese Christians, and the United States as an ally of Israel. American and French positions vere caught in crossfire, and both decided to support the Israeli government forces with heavy fire. There followed the suicide bombing missions in October 1983 on the headquarters of the American and French

forces, resulting in the deaths

of 241 American and 58 French

The lesson from this peacekeeping mission is clear. It failed because the political conditions were unsuitable for peacekeeping, and because two of the countries sending troops allowed themselves to become involved on one side of the dispute. In Yugoslavia, a UN force will only succeed in separating the warring factions if it proves in its daily patrols and

dialogue that it is entirely neutral and has arms only to defend

The second big consideration faced by the UN is how long troops may have to be deployed for. The 6.700-strong peace-keeping force sent to Cyprus in 1964 was expected to stay for only three months, but it was still there in 1974, when Turkish forces invaded the northern part of the island (or. as the UN's language of neutrality has it. intervened). Today just over 2,000 UN troops — 800 of them British — are located in a buffer zone that stretches from east to west across the island.

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Cyprus is a depressing reminder of how peacekeeping can become an indefinite responsibility. In Yugoslavia, deep seated hatreds, heavily armed forces and uncertain frontiers will present the UN's new secretary-general with a potent challenge.



...and moreover Craig Brown

part in was about foxhunting. Aged nine, I had just joined my prep school's debating society. Gathering my nerves. I stood up, ready to make a crucial point. I opened my mouth but not a word came out in my terror. I had forgotten which side I was supporting. Titters echoed round the room. I still remember the kindly but peculiarly humiliating com-mand to the gigglers from the master in charge. "Give the poor chap a chance." he said.

Aged 16. I joined my public school's debating society. Most

of the debates there, too, con-cerned foxhunting. Occasionally, meetings were held in which ideas for future debates were bandied about. "We haven't done foxhunting for a while have we?" someone would invariably pipe up, and a foxhunting debate would be pencilled in.

Every now and then, in a flourish of revolutionary zeal, a new motion would be proposed. Instead of "This house would abolish blood sports", we would debate "Foxhunting is the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable", but the arguments remained strikingly similar.

It was around this time that a young New Zealand schoolmaster managed to seize the presidency of the debating society. For two years, he had a beady eye on the presidency, but ne had been forced to content himself with beavering away at less prestigious posts (keeper of stamps, coordinator of litter

single debate that did not in-volve foxes and hunters, however carefully worded the motion, he was quick to step in.
Back home in Wellington, he
confided, he had a book called

1,000 Great Debating Topics for Schools and Universities. He could send off to New Zealand for the book tomorrow, he said, and it would be with us in ten days' time. The relief of the society was almost tangible, so much so that when the next item on the agenda — appointment of new president — came up, all eyes fell in gratitude on him. A fortnight later, the debating society reconvened. Amid no

little excitement, the new president entered in triumph bearing his long-awaited book. 1.000 Great Debating Topics for Schools and Universities. After a Schools and Universities. After a few preliminaries — apologies for absence, dates of future meetings — the discussion turned to future topics for debate. "I expect you'd like to dip into this" purred the new president, handing his book to a senior how

The boy opened a page at random. "Number one hundred and fifty-nine." he read. "The Maori language should be taught compulsorily in all our schools... Number one hundred and sixty: South Island would benefit from increased urbanisation.

And so on. As I remember it. there was a certain amount of polite coughing, the book was quietly handed back, and, true collection). But when it seemed to form, the dogged New Zea-

The first debate I ever took that no one could think of a lander master somehow retained his presidency. Among the topics debated that term was, "This house believes that the fox has rights too".

I mention this because in all

the recent discussion on the future of foxhunting. I have never heard mentioned the interdependence of foxhunting and debating, particularly in schools. Abolish foxhunting, and you abolish school debating societies, or, at best, you condemn them to a never ending cut-and-thrust concerning the teaching of the Maori language in all our schools. As someone who lives in a

house set in fields that are regularly hunted, I have noticed that the great debate is now an integral part of the enjoyment of the sport for one and all. The hunters have grown so used to the thrill of cocking a snook at the hunt-saboteurs that they would look a little silly if left all alone to chase the lox and the saboteurs be at a similar loss if their cause was won, left alone to trudge the country unaided by resentment. For both sides, the comical sport and the comi cal urge to halt it are invested with the necessary gravity by the background presence of the great debate, and this must con-tinue. The police must chase the saboteurs, the saboteurs must chase the huntsmen, and the huntsmen must chase the fox. All we need now is for the police to dress up as hens and the circle will be complete, lending new vigour to this most ven-

Peering into the future

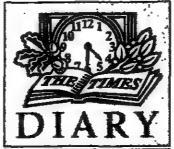
COLIN MOYNIHAN, the junior energy minister, is becoming resigned to inheriting a hereditary peerage he does not want. Almost two months after the death of his estranged older half-brother. Lord Moynihan, a search has found no trace of a marriage certificate or any other valid documentation to prove that there is a legitimate male heir to the title. This leaves the Tory MP next in line.

The former Lord Moynihan is said to have had five wives, including a nude model and a bellydancer. His last alleged "marriage", to a woman called Jinna. produced a son. Daniel, now nine months. But without any proof that he was born in wedlock, the son's claim to become the fourth lord has no standing.

Failure to find a certificate places Colin Moynihan on the horns of an uncomfortable political dilemma. Should he renounce the title, as Tony Benn did 30 years ago, or should he give up his Commons seat in favour of a place in the Lords? At the moment Moynihan has no doubt. "I would have a month to decide whether to go to the Lords or to stay in the Commons. But my career is as an MP, and I have no intention of

resigning."
However, Moynihan has a majority of less than 5,000 in Lewisham East, and the seat is one of Labour's key targets in London. In six months' time, if the election goes badly. Moynihan might find that the title offers an attractive way of rescuing his political career, for he would almost automatically be given a seat on the front-bench in the Lords.

Moynihan's future plans are further complicated by his imminent marriage to Gaynor-



Louise Metcalf, who might relish the chance to become Lady Moynihan. The two are due to marry on March 7. and John Major and Mrs Thatcher are both expected to attend. If there is a spring election, however, Moynihan is planning to postpone the wedding. "Gaynor would understand," he says.

 All men are liable to error. wrote John Locke in his Essay on Human Understanding. But even he would surely not have underne would surely not have univer-stood how the European Union of Geosciences could publish a vol-ume entitled Terra Abstracts which has to be accompanied by a volume of errata running to 98 pages. Worse, it has not even got the corrections right. Section 6 is followed by section 11. while section 13 immediately precedes

One-way street?

WITH Falkland islanders this week honouring Mrs Thatcher by dedicating a day to her, the Ku-waitis are determined not to be left behind. Baghdad Street, one of Kuwait City's main thoroughfares. is to be renamed Thatcher Street. the first time a non-Arab has been so honoured.

Kuwait's ministry of information says the decision is still awaiting ratification, but the ceremony

is likely to take place on Kuwait's national day. February 25. A spokesman says: "There is still a slight possibility that it will be called Bush Street. But Thatcher Street is much more likely, be-cause the people here love her."

Brushes with critics

THE pen may be mightier than the sword, but can it compete with the brush? Later this month, three top art critics will swap the pen or at least the word-processor for oil and canvas when they display their own artistic efforts for critical scrutiny. The Spectator's Giles Auty, the

Observer's Bill Feaver and the

Anyone seen

my pen?

Financial Times's Bill Packer will be showing more than 40 of their works at the Cadogan Contemporary Gallery in Chelsea. The gallery has nothing but praise for the fact that the critics, all of whom paint landscapes, are "bold enough to expose themselves".

With less than a fortnight to go before the exhibition, Auty still has three of his 14 oils to finish. He at least has a record as an artist. He only gave up painting in 1978 because, he says, reviewing paid

better. "If anyone chooses to criticise me. I am happy to abide by their judgment. There are precedents for critics who also paint. Look at John Ruskin."

So he will not be surprised to learn that other artists are queueing up to have their say. Tom Phillips, who recently painted Dame Iris Murdoch's portrait and who has come in for some sharp criticism at the hands of Packer, has been signed up by a Sunday newspaper to review the show. "It will be interesting to see what they pro-duce," says Phillips, smiling sweetly. One could almost hear him sharpening his pen.

Heavenly reward

IF not the moneylenders, market forces at least have found their way inside the temple. Only days after raising admission charges at St Paul's Cathedral from £2 to £2.50. the Dean and Chapter have reduced the pay of the casual vergers by 30 per cent, to save the cathedral a sum put at "several thousand pounds" a year. The cathedral took the decision after discovering that vergers were paid more than for what it calls "comparable posts" in commerce.

Not all the vergers have accepted the hourly pay cut — from E5.82 to E4.10 — in the best Christian spirit. Reverend Rob Mar-shall, the cathedral's communications officer, says: "Yes, one or two were unhappy. But we have been forced to rationalise because of the economic climate."

The vergers have the job of greeting visitors and preparing the cathedral for big events. Marshall says: They offer a marvellous ministry of welcome to the thousands of tourists who come to the cathedral every year. No one is questioning the contribution they make." Indeed not; merely the reward they receive for doing it.

RESTRAINT ON TAXES

The instinctive reaction to yesterday's bloodthirsty claims by the Tories that Labour would raise average tax bills by £1,000 a year is to pray for an early election, to end such campaigning. But the Conservative attack is a bit more than a scare tactic comparable to Labour's bogus warnings last autumn about the privatisation of the health service. Labour has pre-election questions to answer on its public spending and taxation plans, even if the answers are less melodramatic than the Tories' latest campaign alleges.

Labour has been vulnerable on taxation since the 1950s when the mass of wage earners came within the income tax net. In government in the 1960s and 1970s, the party constantly faced having to reconcile its belief in an activist government with the complaints of its supporters about their rising tax bills. In opposition during the 1980s, the party got itself tied up in knots about who would have to pay higher taxes at

what level to finance its spending plans.

The lesson drawn by Neil Kinnock since the 1987 defeat has been to avoid making spending commitments which even threaten. to raise taxes for average wage earners. Labour has said that, unlike the Tories, it will not reduce income tax and that if would reverse any cut in income tax introduced in the spring Budget. But all is not as simple as Mr Kinnock argues. The party's priority programme for redistributing income from the better-off, to finance increased pensions and child benefit, contains ambiguities.

The party has said it will remove the ceiling on employees' national insurance contributions of just over £20,000 a year. That means an extra 9 per cent being paid by the 12 to 13 per cent of income earners above that level. In addition, the top rate of income tax would be increased from 40 to 50 per cent for those earning "well over" £30,000 a year (according to Mr Kinnock). But Labour has declined to say at what level the top rate would be paid, or whether there would be other rates, all of which needs to be

clarified. With no cap on national insurance contributions, the top-rate group would face a marginal taxation rate of 59 per cent.

The Tories are on shakier ground in their charge that Labour's proposals imply a total increase in public spending of £35 billion. That would require a rise in income tax of £25 billion, or 10p in the pound, even after taking account of the extra amounts being paid by the better-off. The spending esti-mates were calculated last summer by David Mellor, the Chief Secretary, on the basis of comments made by Labour spokesmen. Labour argues that they are mostly aspirations rather than firm commitments. Mr Kinnock and his Treasury team of John Smith and Margaret Beckett have repeatedly said that the party's only commitments relate to child benefit and pensions and that any other increases will have to come from the revenue produced by economic growth.

The fine line between an aspiration and a commitment may not always be understood by voters, or even by shadow spokesmen eager to please their client interest groups. Labour should be more precise about its plans and avoid giving the impression that spending increases in desirable areas such as health and education will easily be afforded. Economic growth should produce extra tax receipts, though little money will be spare in view of existing government projections of increased spending and borrowing. Labour has yet to remove the suspicion that the

average earner will pay more tax:
The Tories should also be more restrained. While they have cut income tax substantially since 1979, indirect taxes have risen considerably and many wage earners now face a higher overall tax burden than in the late 1970s. In the coming election voters will have a real choice about taxes. But it will be largely a choice between direct and indirect taxation, and a choice about the distribution of the burden between higher and lower income groups. In the size of the overall burden, the parties are closer than they pretend.

NORTH KOREAN TIMEBOMB

More than six years after signing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, North Korea has at last promised to comply with its legal obligation under that treaty to permit international inspection of its rapidly developing nuclear facilities. Paper promises will not remove what the Americans have identified as the "number one threar to security" in East Asia. North Korea, which is only months from completing a nuclear processing and cariclean processing and cariclean producing its first miclear bomb, has still to prove that it is not just playing for time. The international pressure which has pushed Pyongyang to this point must be firmly maintained until. the world is confident that all its facilities are under stringent and intrusive inspection.

The distance that North Korea, the most intractable of all Stalinist regimes, has travelled in the course of the past month is still remarkable. In mid-December, North and South Korea signed a reconciliation and non-aggression agreement, the first substantive accord since the 1953 armistice ending hostilities in the Korean war. That was followed on New Year's Eve by a joint declaration on "a non-nuclear Korean peninsula". Under it, North Korea not only agreed that neither side would "test, produce, receive, possess, store, deploy or use nuclear weapons" but undertook not to possess facilities for enriching uranium.

Increasingly friendless and economically destitute, the ageing President Kim Il Sung now appears to have decided that he must make a show of acknowledging international. anxiety. But his promises have to be setagainst North Korea's consistent denials that it had any intention of producing nuclear weapons, while it simultaneously invested massively in a programme with indisputable military application. It already extracts uranium and produces its own nuclear fuel. The complex at Yongbyon. north of Pyongyang, where two large nuclear

reactors are sited, has the configurations of a nuclear weapons factory, not those of a power plant or "research facility". North Korean missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads are already in production.

The Americans and South Koreans have won the support of Japan, the former Soviet Union and even of China in their campaign to compel a change of policy in North Korea. Their strategy has been a skilful mix of conomic carrot and disclomatic stick. At first North Korea countered by setting condition after condition for letting in nuclear inspectors. But America's decision to remove all nuclear weapons from South Korea last autumn cut off North Korea's last line of diplomatic defence, and it now appears to have abandoned them all.

The example of Iraq shows, however, how easy it is for non-co-operative, secretive police states to deceive inspectors. The standard procedures of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to which North Korea now seems prepared to agree, provide only for visits to nuclear facilities declared by the signatory country. The IAEA should insist on supplementary "special inspections" of suspect sites at short notice. As extra insurance, the South Koreans are demanding speedy implementation of December's bilateral agreement on mutual inspection of all nuclear projects on the peninsula.

Yesterday in Seoul, President Bush gave that demand America's emphatic blessing. With the succession to President Kim still undecided, North Korea is entering a period of particularly dangerous political instability. The Americans are gambling that this will make the "great leader" readier to deal. But in stabilising this last great faultline of the Cold War, the next stages will be even tougher. The word of a government which has lied for a decade about its nuclear programme cannot be taken on trust. And time is short if effective controls are to be in place before North Korea has its first bomb.

LP RECORDS SCRATCHED

As if from a stuck gramophone record, the prediction that the 12-inch vinyl LP will shortly be banished to specialist shops has been heard too often. But at last W. H. Smith, one of Britain's leading retailers of recorded music, has announced the official retirement of the LP. Smith, which owns Our Price and half of Virgin as well as its own high street chain, is in a position to make the prediction this time come true.

The LP's very name - standing for "long playing" record to distinguish it from the old 78 rpm it replaced in the 1950s - is a reminder of the obsolescence built into everything in this business. The recorded music industry regards itself as part of contemporary fashion and leisure rather than as an aspect of high art. Profit comes from a constant turnover of heavily promoted new styles, by the routine manipulation of public taste. And if that adds to the enjoyment of the customer and the game is

played fairly, why not? LPs are a declining sector of the market, falling by about 10 per cent a year. The LP slide has been accompanied by a steady rise in sales of compact discs, and compact disc players are now present in 26 per cent of British homes. But CDs are much more expensive, typically about £12 compared with £8 for an LP or cassette. So while the total number of recordings sold has declined, thanks to the higher price of CDs, retail financial turnover has kept up surprisingly well. Meanwhile audio cassettes, thanks to the Sony Walkman and its imitators, and to the in-car stereo radio, have held their markets alongside CDs and LPs as the third widely used system for recorded music.

In spite of constant complaints that CDs are too expensive - they each cost only about £1 to make — the industry has survived an Office of Fair Trading investigation and is bringing prices slowly down of its own accord. There is some merit in its argument that provided there is no cartel, the fair price for a CD is what the market will bear. What the CD needs to bring its price down faster is competition from different recording systerns of the same quality.

That it may soon get. The likely disappearance of the LP from shops and catalogues is linked to the imminent arrival of two new recording formats, the Sony Mini Disc and the Philips digital compact cassette (DCC). The most recent innovation, Sony's digital audio tape (DAT) launched in 1987, was no great success, but manufacturers and retailers are committing themselves expensively to the new Philips format. The industry knows that by the time the Mini Disc and the DCC are marketed this year there must be a substantial catalogue of recorded titles available in those formats, otherwise the customer has no incentive to switch from CD or audio cassette.

But keeping a full range of recordings on five formats - LPs as well as cassettes and CDs, and now Mini Discs and DCCs - was never going to make economic sense. What matters is that the DCC should give the CD a run for its money, and fierce competition should be as much in price as in quality and range of music. But with the prospect of this "format war" breaking out in the electronicleisure industry there is little room for old technologies. The LP has sadly reached its final click . . . click . . . click.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Clearing obstacles to economic and monetary recovery

From Professor Tim Congdon

Sir, We write to commend your leading article of December 30 ("Disbanding sterling") and, in particular, to express our strong agreement with your conclusion that sterling entered the European exchange-rate mechanism "at the wrong time and the wrong exchange rate"

As in our letter to you published on February 13, 1991, we continue to be deeply concerned about the state of the economy. In that letter we recommended that the government should cut interest rates sharply or risk a collapse in economic activity. even a depression. We are glad that base rates have fallen from 14 per cent to 10.5 per cent. But the cuts were too small and too slow. The government must now go much

It is a measure of the validity of our warning that, despite the welcome drop in interest rates since last February, the incidence of company failures is substantially higher now than at any other time in the postwar period.

On present policies there is a serious risk that national output, which probably declined by 2.5 per cent in 1991, will keep falling in early 1992. The current recession will probably be the longest in the post-war period and it may also prove the deepest.

Even the stability of our financial system is being questioned, because lower house prices and commercial property values are inflicting loan losses of unparalleled severity on banks and building societies.

The obstacle to lower interest rates, and so a return to a sensible and moderate monetary policy, is our membership of the ERM. As we explained in our previous letter, the best course would be to combine our departure from the ERM with a firm counter-inflationary commitment to domestic money-supply targets over the medium term. At present the money supply is growing too slowly: but over a three to five-year period its growth should be stabilised at a rate compatible with full price stability.

Critics of this policy sometimes claim that quitting the ERM would desiroy the credibility of the government's macroeconomic policies. We submit that, after the Treasury's repeated forecasting mistakes in recent years and the Chancellor of the Exchequer's forforn attempts to talk up the economy and the pound, the government's macroeconomic

Enigma and Ecstasy

Sir, As a hypnotherapist who has

treated Ecstasy addicts, I was dis-

mayed to read ("The enigma and the Ecstasy", January 2) what I consider

to be the same old anti-drug hysteria.

Once again, a recreational drug is

public fear. The truth about Ecstasy

All drug use creates physical, mental and spiritual hazards. But

how can you distinguish between the

effects of the drug and underlying

medical or psychiatric problems? For

example, would the two "chronic

paranoid" psychotics mentioned in The British Medical Journal last

March have been perfectly placed if

they had preferred Guinness to

Ecstasy? Focusing our attention on

Ecstasy's effects — rather than users'

needs - is a greater danger than the

Users claim Ecstasy helps them feel closer to other people. They see

the drug as an alternative to emo-

tional and spiritual sterility. Fair

enough. All they need is an alter-

native - a drug-free way to create a

meaningful connection with others.

than your horror story suggests.

both simpler and more complex

From Mr Robert Farago

policies have little credibility left to be the astounding boom in the housing destroyed.

BILL MARTIN, PATRICK MINFORD, GORDON PEPPER, ALAN WALTERS. PETER WARBURTON, Liverpool Macroeconomic Research Ltd., PO Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX. January 6.

cal accuracy (as distinct from pol-itical convenience), it is necessary to point out that the relaxations in economic policy started well before the 1987 election and did not originate after it, whether in the autumn of that year or the spring of the next, though actions then may well have compounded the errors.

One example will suffice, though there are many more. In 1986 the government's then favourite measure of monetary growth - sterling amount. The Chancellor's response the 1987 Budget. During all this time real interest rates were low or

Small wonder that we experienced

market which went on until 1988, to

be followed by the inevitable slump

in which we still flounder. I recall

well the puzzled and indeed alarmed

reaction of your then correspondent

on monetary affairs, Tim Congdon.

who apparently found these de-

viations from strict monetarist ortho-

It is obviously convenient for some

purposes to date our present troubles to late 1987 or 1988. But strict verity

demands that their origins be

pushed back at least a further year or

From Professor Sidney Pollard, FBA

Sir, In his highly selective letter

about his period of stewardship (January 4). Sir Geoffrey Howe

1. That it was his first Budget, with

its massive Thatcherite transfer of the tax burden from the rich to the

poor, which raised the rate of

inflation to the extent that the drastic

remedies he mentions became a

2. That the much-lauded growth

period of seven years merely raised us back again from the pit into which

his policies had brought the econ-

omy, so that the overall growth rate

for the period as a whole was -

miraculously, in view of the oil bon-anza — still well below that of the

years since the end of the war to

3. That at the end of it all the

economy was so weakened that when

the second bout of Thatcherite

inflation occurred, this time as the

direct result of Nigel Lawson's poli-

cies, and was curbed by the same

crude and cruel measures as the first,

the economy is being devastated to a

degree unmatched since the 1930s and unparalleled anywhere else in

Being personally responsible for a

policy which damaged the economy

to an extent that even the sufferings

of millions could not fully put right is

bad enough; to boast about it

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thereafter is really quite intolerable.

Cathedral were heard for the first

time in 46 years across London

ringing out the old year and welcom-

The photograph shown, however,

must surely become one which will

be in demand for all future textbooks

concerned with an introduction into

the noble and ancient art of cam-

panology as a warning of something

which should not be done. The

gentleman in the flowing garments

may, of course, have dropped some

personal possession into the mouth

of the bell in the picture; but a health

warning should be added that under

no circumstances is it advisable to be

adjacent to a precariously balanced

bell in the "up" position so attired

unless you are highly experienced in working with bells or have such a

faith in the Almighty that you can

probably walk on water as well.

1 Lodge Close, Corneytrowe Lane,

are much clearer, I can report.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN ROSE,

Taunton, Somerset.

Gains and losses

Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

the industrial world.

Yours faithfully.

S. POLLARD,

34 Bents Road

January 6.

3 Little Tangley, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey.

doxy inexplicable.

even more

January 3.

necessity.

Yours faithfully,

S. GOLDMAN.

forgot to mention:

By contrast, domestic monetary targets were successful in the early and mid-1980s in lowering inflation to under 5 per cent and achieving a fair measure of economic stability. Their explicit reintroduction now, together with a floating pound and in the context of this harsh recession, would begin to restore both confidence and credibility.

Some commentators may protest that these actions would be contrary to the spirit of Maastricht and would jeopardise the prospects of a single European currency. But whatever longer-term ambitions there may be for European monetary union, the government should not let others inflict a terrible recession on us now in order to promote a hypothetical, perhaps illusory, goal at some distant date in the future.

TIM CONGDON.

Yours faithfully,

From Sir Samuel Goldman

Sir, I see that your correspondent Peter Riddell ("No prizes for prudence", January 3), continues to attribute the errors in economic policy which have produced the present recession to the relaxation of fiscal discipline in the 1988 Budget even more than to the easing of monetary control which followed the Stock Exchange collapse late in

However, in the interests of histori-

M3 - exceeded its target by a large was simply to abandon the target in

Hypnotherapy is one answer. The bells! The bells! There are others. If we avoid anti-From Mr Jonathan Rose drug hysteria, if we resist the temptation to scare, patronise or punish users, we can help these young people find a healthy, creative way to Sir, How pleasing it was to read in your front-page article (January 1) that the 12 bells of St Paul's

ing in the new

reach the goals they seek. Yours sincerely. ROBERT FARAGO, The Farago Clinic, 15 Flask Walk, NW3. January 2.

From Mr William Hamilton

Sir, Thomson Prentice's potentially enlightening but rather morbid artide on Ecstasy informs us that out of half a million users, over the last six years about ten people have died. For an illegally produced drug this strikes me as extraordinarily safe.

The few tragedies that do occur could be avoided if the drug were regulated like the legitimate production of alcoholic drinks. Out of all the drugs consumed over the new year 1 wonder which caused the most

As for the incompatibility of the

poses an axle weight limit of 17 tons,

Your obedient reader, WILLIAM HAMILTON, West Conage, Wrecelesham, Farnham, Surrey. January 3.

road for container traffic.

per axle).

January 3.

Rail inflexibility

From Mr Nigel Seymer

drug itself.

Sir, I have just returned from a stay in Lille, whence we travelled to Brussels and back by train. I also talked to SNCF officers concerned with freight and passenger services.

We were surprised to find there were no direct trains between Lille and Brussels. The leaflet I was given showed connections at Tournai in both directions. We discovered only by chance (from a fellow-passenger) that it was both faster and more convenient, in the Brussels-Lille direction, to change at Mouscron. Cross-frontier co-operation seems lacking here.

As to freight services, I asked whether a service betweeen Lille and the Ruhr for road/rail "swap bodies" (containers) might not be viable. I was told the distance was too short: a mere 500km, whereas 600km (375 miles) was the minimum distance over which rail could compete with

Throwing more light From Mr R. S. Salvesen

Sir, The President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce (letter, December 30) rightly draws attention to the tax on trade represented by the light dues levied in the

The "user pays" principle as applied by the government fails the fundamental test of equity amongst users. Not only passing ships, but major users of navigational aids, such as leisure craft and small fishing vessels, pay nothing at all, and the contribution from the Royal Navy is very modest indeed. On top of this, some 10 per cent of all UK light dues collected is used to subsidise the provision of navigational aids abroad, in the Irish Republic.

The government's response to the accepted inequity with the rest of the European Community, where only Ireland and Greece also levy light dues, is to argue that they too should introduce light dues and presumably adopt the UK's "some users pay" model. The rest of the EC accept the principle that basic national safety infrastructure should be both provided and funded by governments

63 Esmond Road, W4.

themselves. If such a change were made, even greater costs would be borne by British trade within Europe, which almost entirely moves by sea. Furthermore, shipping lines serving Britain's major world markets are

From Mr A. C. Record French and German high-speed Sir, Some years ago, I wrote drawing trains, French high-speed trains attention to portents in the day's (TGVs) could run through to Gerracing results which were puzzlingly many as they do to Lausanne (the contradictory: The Thatcher having Swiss and German power supplies are the same). The German trains been soundly defeated, while No-Uare at present barred from running Turn romped home a winner. The signs at the start of this year in France only because SNCF im-

Loadsamoney and Monetary Fund which both British and German rail were declared runners in your sports engineers regard as unnecessarily low (both have set limits of 20 tons pages for the meetings at Lingfield Park and Nottingham today but It will be interesting to see whether both were withdrawn. Perhaps it was the European Commission can perfor this reason that the FT Share suade the French to raise their limit Index gave up in the afternoon the to the British/German standard whole of a large gain made during the morning. It certainly seems that the rest of us see things that Norman

(after all we had to raise our weight limit for road vehicles to the EC Yours faithfully NIGEL SEYMER (Transport planning consultant).

> January 2. known to be reviewing whether to continue direct calls to the UK, when

Sea Walis Road. Bristol, Avon.

Lamont does not - or vice versa.

Yours faithfully,

TONY RECORD.

4 Sambourne Court.

Rotterdam and Antwerp are so close. There are not perhaps many issues that unite UK ports, British and foreign shipping operators, the fishing industry, importers and exporters as well as chambers of commerce. However, they speak with one voice in calling on the government to think again and, in the spirit of the single market, remove this unnecessary barrier to trade and the competitiveness of British traders and ports.

Yours faithfully. R. S. SALVESEN (Chairman). Lights Advisory Committee. 30/32 St Mary Axe, EC3.

Intimidation in South Africa

From Mr Maritz Vandenberg Sir, Your item about intimidation of reporters in the black townships of South Africa (later editions, December 31) touches on a frightening phenomenon that is being noticeably under-reported in Britain.

For just over a year, the South African Institute of Race Relations in Johannesburg (a body of which, to declare an interest. I am a member and which, since the Fifties, has led the way in researching and publicising the iniquities of apartheid) has been publishing evidence of a new censorship. Operated by political activists in the black townships, this censorship is more intolerant and more savage than anything seen during the years of apartheid. Black journalists allege that large and vital areas of activity in South Africa are not reaching the press there as a result of the intimidation of reporters.

Journalists who write about subjects defined as "sensitive" by township activists are being threatened and terrified into silence. The circulation of a Zulu newspaper in Natal fell by 23,000 to 123,000 after shopkeepers selling it were attacked. People caught reading it were forced to eat it and sometimes threatened with death. The driver of a van distributing a non-approved newspaper was stopped and promised he would have a burning tyre placed round his neck if caught again.

These are not isolated incidents: there is every appearance of a systematic and growing reign of terror being imposed upon the South African press by political organisations mostly from the radical left.

The British media, to their credit, were ceaselessly vigilant for four decades in exposing intimidation of the South African press under apartheid; and this constant pressure played no small role in keeping a tradition of freedom of information alive during those bad years. I pray they will be equally committed to the exposure of a new censorship that promises to be more ferocious than the old. So far there is little sign of it.

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Yours etc., MARITZ VANDENBERG 21a Gwendolen Avenue, SW 15. January 5.

Quindecennial plant? From Lady Bouchler

Sir. You report (earlier editions. December 20) the blooming at Cannington Agricultural College of the Century plant, "said to flower only once every 100 years". I first came across the agave when I lived in Bermuda, and was much intrigued by its blue-green swordlike leaves and the myth of its centennial

It is comparatively rare in Japan, where I now reside, but I was 1950, and planted it in my seaside garden where it prospered and multiplied, until a huge typhoon wave in 1959 washed all my Century plants away, except for a few tiny shoots clinging in rock crevices. Exactly 15 years later, in 1974, they reached maturity and flowered.

Yours faithfully, DOROTHY BOUCHIER, 2275 Isshiki, Hayama. Kanagawa-ken, 240-01. January 5.

Christmas postscript

From Mrs James Mitchell

Sir, I write on Twelfth Night to ask whether the European Commission could issue a directive banning specified categories of Christmas cards on grounds of energy conservation. Among the candidates most favoured for prohibition I suggest: 1. Enormous illustrations of substantial architecture in adverse weather conditions, as favoured by financial institutions and advisers - e.g., "Old St Paul's at twilight in the snow" or Falmouth telegraph office in a blizzard".

2. Cards dispatched (on a regular annual basis) within a one-mile radius of the senders' home demanding "Why haven't we met in '91? I'll call early in January to make a date for you to come to dinner". 3. Computer print-out commentaries

on the senders' family lives. These dwell on school careers ("Jane played her recorder again in the concert and Henry only just failed his GCSE newt-spotting assignment'). They often give details of the demise of valued family pets ("We're sorry to tell our friends Bobbity the rabbit is no longer with us").

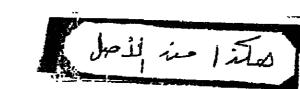
With pre-Lenten greetings, Yours faithfully. JANICE MITCHELL 4 Heathfield Gardens, SW18. January 6.

From Mr M. T. Phillips

Sir, Phillips's law says that the Christmas tree lights which are today being put away fully serviceable and will remain untouched for almost a year will not work when switched on next December.

Yours faithfully. M. T. PHILLIPS, 5 Chapel Close, Hilton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. January 6.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.



SANDRINGHAM

The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of Mr and

Berkshire. M C.S.G. GEORGWE and Miss E.L. Lane Fox The engagement is announced between Cyril, son of M and Mme Benoit Gasztown, of Paris, France, and Emily, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Lane Fox, of Caulcott, Oxford-

Mr N.J.D. Hewitt and Miss M.A.J. Hill-Reid The engagement is armounced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Hewitt, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, and Marni, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.S. Hill-Reid, of

Mr R.H.G. Jackson and Miss C.M. Allison The engagement is announced between Richard Henry George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.C.

Jackson, of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, and Catriona. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W. Allison, of High Ireby,

Mr C.J. Klopper and Miss K.S. Bacon The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs H. Klopper, of Goudhurst, Kent, and Kerry, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Bacon, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr M.C. Lynas and Miles C.J. Rankin The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the Rev W. Cowper and Mrs Lynas, of Comber, Co Down, and Clare, daughter of Mr Alick Rankin, of Edinburgh, and Mrs Sue Rankin.

Mr S. McGrath The engagement is announced between Sean, only son of Mr and Mrs Dennis McGrath, of Gossnargh, Lancashire, and Susan Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Collier, of

Whitechapel, Lancashire. Mr P.J. Moricy and Miss E.A. Grant The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Edward Morley, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Grant, of Ediesborough Mill,



COURT CIRCULAR

The Bishop of London (Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) was the celebrant and presented the Offerings, assisted by the Reverend William Booth (Sub-Dean of the Majesty's Chapels Royal) January 6: Today being the Feast of the Epiphany, a Sung Eu-charist was held in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, when the customary offerings of Gold. Frankincense and Myrrh were made on behalf of The Queen by Air Vice Marshal Barry Newton of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) and the Reverend Gordon Watkins (Priest in Ordinary). and Colonel Malcolm Havergal (Gentlemen Ushers to Her

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard was on duty

Birthdays today Lord Bradbury, 78; Judge Hazel Counsell, 61; Mr Hunter Davies. author and broadcaster, 56: Mr Gerald Durrell, 200logist and writer. 67; Sir James Harford. former colonial administrator. 93: Sir Maynard Jenour, company chairman. 87: Mr Ian La Frenais, screenwriter and pro-ducer, 55: Mr Ross Norman, squash champion. 33: the Vis-count of Oxfuird, 58: Sir John Page, former chairman, National Ports Council, 77; Sir Alastair Pilkington, president, Pilkington, 72: Professor K.W. Sykes, chemist. 71: Lord Taylor of Hadfield. 87: Air Commodore the Hon Sir

Church news The Rev Andrew Dovie, Assistant Curate, Lytchett Minister (Salisbury): to be Team Vicar, St Andrew, Kirkby (Liverpool). The Rev Lynn Pocock, Parish

Peter Vanneck former Lord

Mayor of London, 70: Mr Will

Wyatt, managing director, BBC Network Television, SO.

in the Chapel. Deacon, Thorpe Hesley (Sheffield): to be a non-stipendiary minister in the Diocese of

The Rev Peter J Stephens, Vicar, Gorleston St Mary Magdalene to be also Rural Dean of Flegg

Appointments The following appointments have

been announced by the Ministry of Defence effective from January J.F. Howe, on promotion, to be Deputy Under Secretary (Civilian

Management). M. Gainsborough to be Assistant Under Secretary (Service Personnel).

T.F.W.B. Knapp to be Assistant Under Secretary (Infrastructure and Logistics). M.L. Scichuna, on promotion, to be Assistant Under Secretary Adjutant-General].

D.J. Gould, on promotion, to be Assistant Under Secretary (Supply and Organisation) (Air), Miss D.J. Scanmen to be Assistant Under Secretary Air (Procurement Executive).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A. Baker Mr R.S. Peckham and Miss R. Pringle The engagement is announced between Robert Shannan. The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James F. Baker, of youngest son of Professor Michael and Professor Catherine Leadenham, Lincolnshire, and Ruth, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs George M. Pringle, of Upminster, Essex. Peckham, of Brook Green, London, and Louisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter G. Calligas, of Kifissia, Athens.

Mr. R.H. Sartlett and Miss S.M.C. Madean

Mr H.B.V. Reynoldson and Miss S.S. Madden The engagement is announced between Robert Hardington, The engagement is announced between Howard, elder son of younger son of Major and Mrs Derek Barilett, of Warfield, Mrs Mary Reynoldson, of Kettering, Northamptonshire, Berkshire, and Susannah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Madean, of Bath. and Susannah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Madden, of

Dr M. Casapieri and Dr M.G. Almoda The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Dr

Mr T.J.G. Sparrow and Min S.M. Eriken and Mrs Peter Casapieri, of Sheffield, and Gabriella, elder The engagement is announce between Toby, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Sparrow, of Susanne, eider daughter of Mr and Mrs Jorgen Eriksen, of Mr W.P. Dwyer and Miss S.A. Murray

Nakskov, Denmark. The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr Mr D.R. Stacey and Miss A.M.E. Edwards and Mrs W.H. Dwyer, of Westford, Massachusetts, USA, The engagement is announced between David, son of the and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr R.D. Murray, of Galmpton, Devon, and Mrs J.S. Masters, of lst Lieutenant D. Fraley and Miss P.K. Fordh

Reverend Nicolas and the Hon Mrs Stacey, of Selling, Kent, and Annabel, daughter of Major and Mrs Michael Edwards, of Norwood Farm, Corscombe. Mr G.B. Straban and Miss S.J. King

Chilthorne Domer, Somerset,

The engagement is announced between Gerard, elder son of Mr C.J. Strahan and the late Mrs S. Ireland, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.V. King, of Hill Head, Hampshire.

Mr B.H. de Waal and Mim S.C. Jees The engagement is announced between Bernard, son of the Rev Ridley Hall, Cambridge, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Jones, of Cambridge, and granddaughter of the late Rev Canon and Mrs C.H. Leeke,

and Miss C.M. Steel The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Surrey, and Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.P. Steel, of

Marriages Mr H.D.H.G. Barton The marriage took place on Saturday, December 28, at the Chapel of Balgonie Castle, by Markinch, Fife, of Mr Hugo Markheli, vounger son of Dr and Mrs David Barton, of Herne Bay, Kent, and Miss Jaqueline Gamba, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Gamba, of Peat Inn, Fife

The Rev Parick Crean officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Mrs Juliette Fawns. Dr Sebastian Barton was best man. The bride wore an

was best man the buse whe all worth a was a head-dress of tresh flowers.

A reception was held in the Great Hall of the Castle and the was spent

Mr JLO, Keen and Miss M.J. Allison The marriage took place in Kent, on Friday, January 3, of Mr Richard Owen Knox to Miss

Mr 5.J. Ross and Miss S.A.E. Part The marriage took place on Sanarday, January 4, 1992, at St Stephen's Church, Selly Park, Birmingham, of Stephen Ross to Sarah Parr. The Rev John Clarke

The bride was attended by her sister Miss Rosalind Parr and by Lisa Jennings, Emily Russell and Christopher Mearthy. Mr Richard Ross was best man. A reception was held at the

OBITUARIES

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GINETTE LECLERC

Ginette Leclerc, actress, died in Paris on January 1 aged 79. She was born Geneviève Menu in Montmartre, Paris, on February 9, 1912.

ONE glance at Ginette Leclerc in Henri-Georges Clouzor's film Le Corbeau and one instinctively knew she was what movie circles called, in those days, a "bad girl". Dressed in a negligee. she lounged on a bed, a cigarette between painted lips, polishing her toe nails: this was Denise, the town cripple, though she never let any physical impediment stand in the way of her sexuality.

Produced during the Occupation for Continental Films, an off-shoot of the German company UFA. Le Corbeau (1943) describes a town, under siege from a poison pen, steadily disintegrating into malice and hysteria. The Resistance viewed Clouzot's tale as sabotage of France's good name and they extracted revenge during the purges that followed the Liberation. Clouzot and the screenwriter were banned from cinema work; Leclerc, along with her co-star Pierre Fresnay, spent

time in prison. Leclerc's trademark had always been earthy, uncomplicated sex appeal, though most films from her debut in 1932 onwards looked no further than the immediate surface. The surface, indeed, was beguiling: hair often gathered in a heavy fringe, a succulent mouth cradling dazzling teeth, saucer-shaped eyes set in a face dancing with quick expressions. Like her rival screen vamp Viviane Romance, Leclerc had little solid theatrical training: she was

Ciboulette (1933), based



Ginette Leclerc as temptress in Henri-Georges Clouzot's Le Corbeau

on Reynaldo Hahn's operetta, required her to sing and dance - she could do both well, and sometimes performed in cabaret and music hall; other early films used her merely as the saucy girl perched on an old gentle-man's lap. But discerning directors soon rewarded her with better parts. Pierre Chenal put her into L'Homme de nulle part (1936), based on Pirandello; then she scored a big personal success in Leonide Moguy's Prisons sans barreaux (1938) as Renée, the naughtiest inmate in a girls' prison, with

essentially born under the arc her own private stock of alco-Next. Marcel Pagnol gave her the title role in his comedy -(the author particularly rel-La Femme du boulanger ished her performance).

(1938), alongside the great, scene-stealing Raimu. True to type, Leclerc deserted her Future film assignments remained mostly routine. though she flourished under husband for a handsome Max Ophuls's direction as a shepherd, prompting the lady of pleasure in Le Plaisir baker to go on strike. The film's friendly depiction of Provençal manners found a (1951). In a last fling with controversy, she joined the surreal dance of love and wide audience in France and abroad. death that was Walerian After the troubles of the Borowczyk's Goto, L'Ile purges, Leciere worked less in d'Amour (1968), and took a the cinema: time, in any case, small part (a brothel mawas taking its toll of the vamp dame, naturally) in Joseph image. But the Paris theatre Strick's version of Henry welcomed her special talents: Miller's Tropic of Cancer

> An autobiography, Ma Vie privée, appeared in 1963.

ROBERT STEPHENS

Robert Henry Stephens, former foreign editor of The Observer, died on January 2 aged 71. He was born on September 4, 1920.

BOB Stephens's passport into national journalism was a newspaper he edited for British soldiers in post-war Palestine. His dispassionate reporting of the Arab-Jewish struggle, which has ever since dominated politics in the Middle East, was commended to The Observer foreign news desk, then in need of a new correspondent in the

He joined the newspaper's staff in 1946 and remained there for nearly 40 years, moving as a foreign correspondent to Berlin and then Paris before returning to be based in its London office. He was made editor of its foreign news service, syndicating Observer material round the world, in 1953, then diplomatic correspondent in 1957 when Britain was still reel-

ing after Suez.
Although he later became the paper's foreign editor, reflecting his growing influence over its coverage and opinion, it was as a writer and commentator that he was best known. While his chief area of expenise remained the Middle East and the Levant, as is suggested by his principal books, a distinguished biography of Nasser and a study of the Greek-Turkish struggle in Cyprus, he was also an authority on East-West relations - which he saw develop from the days of the Cold War, through those of detente to the final dramatic dismantling of the Berlin

The steadily improving dimate between East and West was very much in line with Stephens's thinking. Even during the frostiest days of the Cold War he believed that the two halves of Europe had

generally believed. The Middle East was the example he would draw upon - pointing out the restraint with which the superpowers both moved

In furtherance of this belief he patiently cultivated contacts with the more enlightened members of the Soviet embassy staff in London. His perseverance paid off in the long term, providing him after their return to Moscow with good sources and a sounding board inside the Russian citadels of power.

The Observer regarded Secphens as very much one of their own. He was liberal. committed, sympathetic to the Third World's under-privileged. Bur his idealism stopped well short of wishful thinking. His great strength was his analytical mind which enabled him to cut through woolly arguments and reintroduce a note of realism. In manner he was a

quiet, gentle man. Illness dogged his last years on the newspaper and his retirement. He was provided with an electric typewriter (in the days when journalists still used manual machines) as Parkinson's Disease gradually took hold. But his powers of movement were increasingly

restricted. Bob Stephens was a Londoner who was educated at University College School, Hampstead, and London University where he was one of the first to take a course in

journalism. His first marriage, at Aleppo, Syrie, was to Taqui Altounyan, an Anglo-Armenian who, together with her brothers and sisters, was one of the children on whom Arthur Ransome based his Swallows and Amazons, This marriage ended in divorce and he married in 1979 the journalist Helga Graham. He is survived by her and by three sons and a daughter from his first marriage.

LESLIE LANE

Leslie Lane, CBE, town planner and director of the Civic Trust, 1962-1970, has died aged 81. He was born on April 19, 1910.

CONSERVATION took on new life while Leslie Lane was director of the Civic Trust. Its president, the late Duncan Sandys, piloted through Parliament the Civil Amenities trust and which established the concept of the conservation area as an area of special architectural or historic interest. Today there are around 8,000 such areas designated by local authorities in the exercise of their planning

powers. Lane was a town planner of considerable distinction, becoming president of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 1964-5. His public career spanned over 30 years with the London county council as planning officer and senior planning officer from 1930 to 1962. He then joined the Civic Trust as its director in

Educated at Luton Grammar School, he became articled with a firm of architects

and surveyors in the town at the age of 16 and remained there for the required five years. Leslie Lane came to London at the age of 21 and began his life-long love affair

with the capital city. He was a fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors being awarded its Special Diploma in Town Planning in 1954. At the London county council he was involved in all aspects of the capital's post war planning including the London Development Plan in 1941 and its review ten years later. But more localised though seminal issues also claimed his attention in the heady years when in the 1950s town planning was op-

she appeared successfully in

Tennessee Williams's Cat On

a Hot Tin Roof and in Sar-

tre's La Putain respectueuse

rimistic and visionary. These included housing in London and at Rochampton and the Brandon estate in Southwark, the development of London's South Bank, the redevelopment of the Eleprogramme for the LCC's Expanded Towns Programme between 1952 and 1960. Any one of these would have represented a major achievement in the course of a full professional life.

Among Leslie Lane's other interests and commitments were his membership of the council of the Town and Country Planning Association, of the South East Economic Planning Council, the Architectural Association and the South East Advisory Committee of the Land

Commission. Perhaps his greatest single achievement at the Civic Trust was in leading the team which produced the report proposing the creation of a 22-mile linear park in the Lee Valley in East London. Great pleasure was afforded to him when the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority was set up by Act of Parliament to imple ment the principles set out in

the trust's report. A series of planning reports ere issued under his leader ship including reports on the Rhondda Valley, on Warwick, on the Bronte village of eas and on derelict land as well as publications on street improvement schemes and the transplanting of semi-mature trees in urban and industrial locations. For his services to town planning. Leslie Lane was appointed CBE in 1968.

Although he and his wife Norah spent practically all their 54 married years in Hampstead Garden Suburb and Church Row, Hampstead, they also had a cottage on the Pembrokeshire coast. They discovered it as a near ruin in 1951 and lovingly restored it in the ensuing

He is survived by her and their two sons, one of whom is a solicitor involved in planning law, the other, an

GORDON PIRIE

Federation, writes:

more in common than was

IN THE mid-1960s Gordon Pirie (obituary, December 9) like a number of notable athletes such as Brasher, Disley, Flyman and Tulioh, took up orienteering. In his first attempt he discovered that to run was not enough. He studied the game and became the fastest British orienteer in the late 1960s, winning many

championships. He continued to be noted. cheerfully.

Toby Norris, former chair for one breath per step and man, British Orienteering for outspokenness. He attracted around him a group of younger orienteers. Their success was notable, as is their continued contribution

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to the sport. I planned courses with him hich involved running with him in the forest. He treated me, one whose performance normally encouraged others by knowing there was someone than whom they could run faster, fraternally and

SIR RONALD SWAYNE

Clive Thomas writes:

YOUR obituary of Sir Ronald Swayne (November 4) omitted a side of his character for which many will feel grateful. In the 1950s, as a partner in Alfred Holt (Blue Funnel)

he was responsible for recruiting a cadre of young men for

Mansfield and Co. in Singapore. His warmth, humour and plain good common sense were of inestimable value to those who ventured abroad. He gave a book to each - I have mine still - a personally inscribed copy of

Teach yourself Malay. He was a much respected management service with men

Institute of **Physics**

THE Institute of Physics has autounced the following recipi-ents of its 1992 Awards for individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of physics.

Bragg Medal & Prize: J. Colin Siddons. Charles Vernon Boys Prize (made to an oustanding young experi-mental physicist Dr Nicholas Norman Ellis.

Duddell Medal & Prize: Professor Peter Faraday Smith.
Glazebrook Medal & Prize:
Professor Keith Boddy. Guthrie Medal & Prize (made to a physicist of international reput-ation) Professor Archie Howie. Maxwell Medal & Prize: (for recent outstanding contributions to theoretical physics) Professor

Neil Turok Neil Turok.

Paterson Medal & Prize [for research showing the successful commercial exploitation of physics] Michael David May.

Paul Dirac Medal & Prize [for outstanding contributions to theoretical physics] Professor Anthony Legent

theory Leggett.
Rutherford Medal & Prize: jointly
to Professor Erwin Gahathuler
and Professor Terry Sloan. Hartie Massey Prize (made in consultation with the Australian IOP to an Australian Physicist) Dr Basil H. Briggs.

Dinner

Cardiff Business Club Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan. Captain N. Lloyd-Edwards, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr M.J. Clay, the Chairman of the County Council, County Councillor Rev R.H. Morgan, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor J. Sainsbury. were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Mr John Keegan, Defence Correspondent. The Daily-Telegraph, and Sir Idwal Pugh, President, Cardiff Business Chub, presided.

School news

Berenden Schoo Term starts today at Benenden School. The School play. The Threepenny Opera, will be per-formed on February 6,7 and 8. This term's Founders' Lecture. "Why be a Theologian", will be given by Professor Rowan Wil-liams of Christ Church, Oxford on

The Long Quarter starts today. M.R.F. Cash is Head of School Maria Steyn is Head Girl. R.D. Tate is Captain of Hockey and M.T. Daly is Captain of Football. Charterhouse Musicians will give a lunchtime concert at St Martina unchume concert at \$1 Martin-in-the-Fields on Tuesday, March 3, at 1.05pm. Exeat is from February 14 to 18. The Quarter ends on Friday, March 27. OC Day will be on Saturday, June 27. A Reunion will be held at the School on Saturday. October 10, for all those who left between OQ 1949 and CQ 1955 (details from the Recorder).

The Cheltenham Ladies' College The Cheltenham Ladies' College Term opens today at the Chelten-ham Ladies' College. Half term is from Friday. February 14. [1.00pm] to Wednesday. Feb-ruary 19 inclusive. The combined concert with Cheltenham College. takes place on Sunday, March 15, at 7.30pm in Chekenham Town Half and includes music by Runter and Handel. The SPC1 Drama production. Once in a Life Time, takes place at 7.00pm in the Princess Hall on Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20. Term ends on Saturday, March 21, after Leaving Prayers which start at 10.00am in the Princess

Hall Edgehāl College, Devou Term begins today. The 11-Entrance Examination will be held on Friday, January 17. Old Edgehillians will be meeting in Exerer on Saturday, February 29. Our Careers convention will be held on Friday, March 13, and

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Lady on March 19, 20 and 21. Term ends on Friday, March 27.

Eitham College Spring term began on January 6 and ends on April 3. The 150th Anniversary Concert will be held in the Fairfield Hall, Croydon on March 3, and the Anniversary Banquet in the Commanght Rooms, London on April 4.
Information about both events can be obtained from the College Office (081-857 1455). On March 11. the Lord Chancellor, The Right Hon Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will address the 200th pressure of the College College.

meeting of the College Society. The Princess Helena College Spring Term begins today and ends on March 26. Emma Burgest continues as Head of School, with Denise Wong as her deputy. Mrs Martin Laing has taken up her appointment as Chairman and we welcome two new Gov-ernors to the Board, Lady Thorne and Mrs Sheelagh Law. The Vith and Mrs Sheelagh Law. The Vith Form Dower House opens today. The official inauguration ceremony, which it is hoped will be in the presence of the President of the College, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, will rake place later this term. The School Concern will be held as Concern. cert will be held on Saurday March 21, at 7.30pm, in the Princess Alice Hall. Scholarship examinations for enry to the College in September 1992 at 11+, 12+ and 13+ will take place in February. Details and application forms may be obtained from the Headmistress's Secretary.

Sevennaks School Sevendaks School returns today for the Lent Term. Mr R.P. Wilkinson, OBE, BA, has been elected Chairman of Governors on the retirement of Mr R.A.D. Froy. Helen Russell will be School Captain. The 30th Anniversary of the International Centre will be celebrated on May 30, when all past members of the House will be

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Millard Fillmore, 13th president of the USA 1850-53, Locke Township, New York, 1800; Saint Bernadette of Lourdes (Marie-Bernarde Soubirous), Lourdes, 1844: Charles Péguy, poet, Orleans, 1873; François Poulenc, com-poser, Paris, 1899.

DEATHS: Catharine of Aragon. first wife of Henry VIII, Kimbolton, Huntingdon, 1536: Allan Ramsay, poet, Edin-burgh, 1758; Sir Thomas Lawpurga. 1758; Sir Thomas Law-reace, painter, president of the Royal Academy 1820-30, London, 1830; Andrey Bely, nov-elist and poet, Moscow, 1934; Trevor Howard, actor, Bushey, Herts, 1988; Michinomlya Fitro-hito, empetor of Japan 1926-89, Tokyo, 1989.

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Service for the life of Mr Norman Gordon (Nigel) Wykes in Eton College Chapel on Friday, January 24, at 2.45pm.

Archaeology

Frenchman revives art of cave painters

BY NORMAN HAMMOND

has found out how Ice Age cave paintings were created. Powdered pigments were blown at the rock surface, using the hands or simple tools to form the edges of the

Michel Lorblanchet says that over the past 12 years he has replicated "several 20,000-year-old master-pieces". Working initially with a charcoal crayon by the light of an animal-fat lamp like those found in the deco-rated cave of Lascaux, he copied a monochrome frieze of 25 animal figures at the Pech-Merle cave in the

Quercy region of southern France. He has now used information from Australian aboriginal artists to recreate one of the most famous palaeolithic paintings, the pair of spotted horses at Pech-Merle. These images, just inside the cavern and seen by thousands of tourists each year, have their heads and forequarters in solid black and the rest of their bodies outlined and covered with black spots of varying sizes. There is also the outline

of a large fish. The slightly fuzzy outlines of the painted areas suggested that the aboriginal technique of blowing or spitting the pigment on to the fragile rock surface, using a variety 6: 24-31.

ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT A FRENCH archaeologist of screens or stencils, had been used in the Ice Age also. In his article, "Spitting Images", M Lorblanchet says: "I put the charcoal powder in my mouth, chewed it, and diluted it with saliva and wat-

er" to form "a paint that adheres well to a cave wall". Working to a charcoal sketch, he spat a series of dots and then fused them to form the mane, making the sharp outline of the back by using his hand as a screen. "The almost geometric lines of the tail and hind leg were created by spitting the charcoal mixture into the gap between two parallel hands. I finger-painted a series of short black

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lines to represent hair."

The 212 dots were made by spitting through a hole in a leather screen held at varying distances from the cave wall The entire painting, which had four main stages of development ending with the ad-dition of red elements in other, took 32 hours to make. with an assistant to hold the lamp and prepare the pig-

M Lorblanchet says: The prehistoric artists must have worked for five or six days: this work is arduous, demands great concentration in the darkness, and frequent breaks are necessary." Source: Archaeology 44 No



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The official anniversary of public television is given as No 1937 but the significant date was February 5, 1938 when the Marconi-EMI system became established as the single system of transmission in preference to the Baird. The staff engaged in "turning an ingenious toy into a serious entertainment" was based at Alexandra Palace and numbered about 260.

ONE TELEVISION YEAR

GROWING PAINS From Our Special Correspondent

Gaunt and unlovely, the Palace dominates part of North London with only the 220ft most to indicate the marvel in the south-east corner. An inadvertent entry by the back door brings the visitor over a desolate branch terminus of the L.N.E.R. (London and North-Eastern Railway) into empty, echoing halls, where the assorted objects might have been gathered by a surrealist. Sections of stuffed lions, slot-machines, a bar, posters of dence competitions, and a statue of Lincoln are distributed haphazard. Only a discreet grey door in a corner, painted "No entry", marks the back entrance to the overcrowded hive of television. Here the essentials are in the vision and sound transmitting halls on the ground floor, and in two studies

above them, On the other side of a narrow corridor, which is both artery and boulevard, are the make-up and dressing rooms, and on the ground floor is a small restaurant. The executive staff's rooms are in the east tower, and in the north-west corner of the building, separated from the rest by the Winter Garden, is the carpenter's shop and an old theatre which the station has

campaigns, culminating at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 9 o'clock in the evening. The piano-tuner has to arrive at 7am because there is no room for him later. The morning is filled with rehearsals and a film demonstration for the benefit of the radio trade and rehearsals have to be juggled in and out of the two stages. For the convenience of artists, some early ones take place at Broadcasting-House or Maida Vale; if the artists came to the station more frequently they might find no space to rehearse in. When a condensed Othello was performed recently there was only one twohour rehearsal on the stage. The actress who played Desdemona had never seen a television camera before, so that she had little enough time to learn how to act into the camera or to master the art of twodimensional gesture. (A lovely movement of appealing arms stretched towards the camera misses its effect if the arms less our stretched towards the camera misses its effect if the arms of part of the stretched towards the camera of part of the stretched towards the stretched to the stretched towards the str

The prevalent spirit was ex-pressed by the studio hand who said, "We're not working, we're being paid for a hobby." With no precedents, no cramping case law, the station experiments like a bunch of earnest schoolboys. This, doubtless, was the spirit of Savoy Hill in the early days, and it is bound to be lost ultimately, but in the interval a number of people are having the time of their lives. Technically the range of the individual service, using ultra-short waves, will continue to have an

It is not unfair to presume that there would be many more buyers if the daily service were longer than two hours, but the BBC is temporarily at its limits of time, space, and money for producing two hours of television, let alone a continuous service. So far England, with the only regular television service, is in this one field of applied science indisputably ahead of the world. This fact, a platitude to anyone who has examined the subject, is curiously unappreciated by the lay public, who are judging an infant as if it were a backward adult.

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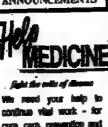
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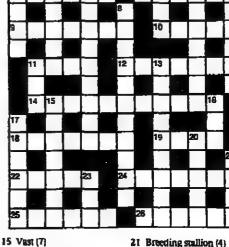
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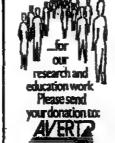
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Kamen. Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) Kanslegion (0425 914666).

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PC): Two feast of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Addams's maceline cartoons. Summing Raul Julia, Amelica Huston.
Christopher Lloyd, director, Barry Sonnenfed.

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Friel's Obner Award-winning memory-play, set in 1930s Donegal, returns

Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats

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THE GREAT PRETENDERS:

Young Diocletien and his martyred victim, Genesius, the patron sent of actors, in Lope de Vega's monal

comedy Britishtly played. Cate. Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0708). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm. 130mina

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WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm. THE ROYAL BALLET: The Mile still dominates the capital's dence calendar, At Covent Geroen Penni Wright's production emphastees the special effects of Clara's magical world, although Julis Trevelyun Omen's specie effects of Clara's magical world, ethough Julia Trevelyen Omen designs provide a somewhat gloorny backdrop to the tentalistic genge-on. Royal Opera House, Covent Gerden, London WCZ (071-240 1088), 8pm.

PAULA REGO: In 1990 Rego became the first National Gallery Associate Artist, her brief to produce work Arist, her brief to produce work directly inspired by the National Gallery Collection. This touring authibition of her paintings and drawings reveals the growing confidence with which she possched images from the European musters using them to create her own powerful, sometimes claustrophibble, works.

Mattional Gellery, Traffalger Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Feb 29.

LAURENCE WHISTLER: Not only the serior glass engraver in the country, but also almost eingle-handed engraving in Britain, Laurence Whetie furns 50, an occasion splandidly

MATADOR (18): Murder, high feetinin, and anti-Catholic jibes from the intentiable Pedro Almodóvar; made in 1988. Assumpts Seria and Nacho Martinez se a chic lawyer and but-fighter disessed with low and death, Metro (071-437 0757). CINEMA GUIDE Geoff Brown's assessment of dicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

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played by a largely ameteur cast. Director, Alan Parker.

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CURLY SUE (PG). Con men and moppet win the heart of a corporate attorney. Ugly max of slapetick and ientilinest, with a researchie chief see (Alisan Porter). With James Betushu. Kelly Lynch; director, John Hughes. Cannotes: Fullham Road (071-370 2638) Haymarket (071-838 1527). Oxford Street (071-838 0310) McB& Trocadero (071-434 0031). Whiteleya (071-792 3332).

ENCHANTED APRIL (U). Four Englishwomen share an italian villa in the 1920s, with Jens, fine performances, cruised entertainment, Sarmig Miranda Richerdson, Joan Plownight, Joale Lawrence, director, Mike Newell.

Curzon West End (071-439 4905).

FLIRTING (12): Stape to meturity at secregated Aussie boarding schools in

♦ PLINTING (12): Stape to meturny ac-segregated Aussle boarding schools in 1965. Deightful sequel to The Year My Vace Broke from director John Dutgen. With Noah Taylor, Thandre Newton. Cannons; Fullnam Road (071-370 2836) Panton Street (071-630 6831) Tottenhum Court Road (071-636 6148).

♦ HOT \$HOTSI (12): Spool cornedy from Arzienel alumnus Jim Abrahams

far too few good jokes Carmons; Baker Street (071-935 9772) Odeons: Kensington (0426 11453) Laicester Square (0416

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LONDON KILLS ME (18): Writer Henif Kureishi's directorial debut: the

Kureish's directorial debut: the botched, drab tale of a modern Candide on Notting Hill's streets. With Justin Chadwick, Steven Mackinlosh,

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London III House full, returns only

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☐ THE MARVELLOUS BOY: Public

CI THE MARVELLOUS BOT! Public Parts, the company responsible for staging Ford's The Good Soldier, now presents the story of Chattertor, Relatio's gentus and teenege sucide (see review, right).

Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 120mins.

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detective comme sond's entertaining detective commerty re-opens a famous Victories murder case.
Warshouse. Disgwall Road. East Croydon (061-680 4060). Tues-Set, Spin 135mms.

ONCE A CATHOLIC: Wildows return of Mary J. O'Malley's romping comedy about convent girts growing up between nuns end teady boys. Tricycle, 269 Kilbum High Road, NWS (071-328 1000). Mon-Set, Spin, mat Set, 400. 150m.

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ton Street (071-830 0631)

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THE PEOPLE UNDER THE THE PECHLE UNUEL THE STAIRS (18): Ghetro burgians perceival their evel landlord's house. Lively mix of horror, Grimm feiry story, and social fable from Grector Was Creven. Starring Brandon Adema, Everett. McGBI, Wendy Robie. Cannon Fulliam Road (071-370 2838) Swales 0771-877 2000 Withhelmer (071). Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2836) Empire (071-497 9989) Whitsleys (071 732 3332).

THEATRE

The Marvellous Boy

THE title is Wordsworth's salute to

Thomas Chatterton, the Bristol prod-

igy. Coleridge wrote a poem about him, Keats dedicated Endymion to

his memory, and Shelley compared

him with Keats in Adonais. Rossetti.

ever the one to go to extremes, called

him "as great as any English poet whatever" — and all this for a boy

wonder who ended his life with a

Public Parts Thearre Company, in

presenting its own too disjointed

portrait, call him "an 18th-century

Jimmy Dean". This isn't at all helpful, although admittedly they do not utter

the remark in the play itself. The trouble is, the remarks they do utter

leave us confused as to what to make

He giggles a lot, like Shaffer's Mozart, and Tim Crouch gives him

the desperate, self-aware grin of one

who knows the ice he skates on is

dangerously thin. With its suggestion

of mania always in the offing, this is a

The boy is poor but bursting with

ideas. Working 11 hours a day as a

scrivener, he still manages to pore over the manuscripts gathering dust in St Mary Reddiffe and dreams up

an imaginary 15th-century monk to whom he gives the name Thomas

Rowley. Afire with medieval words, he

writes poems in Rowley's name and

sends them off to antiquarians, who

ask for more, so he writes more, sends

ON SUNDAY night, I found myself

in the City, where I witnessed a most

curious occasion, namely the rude juxtaposition of two of Mr Haydn's

youthful symphonies with an opus

magnum by that celebrated Ger-

Despite a certain lack of vivacious-

compelling performance in its way.

draught of arsenic at the age of 17.

RIGOLETTO (PG): Peverotti hits the high notes, but Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's film of Verdi's opera remains resolutally stagebound. Made for television in 1983. With Ingres Worlf, Edita. Gruberova, end Riccardo Chally conducting the Vienna Philhermonic. Barbican (071-838 8891).

SUBURBAN COMMANOO (PG): Inane, juvenile action burlesque, wil wrestling star Hulk Hogen as e gela warrior at large in suburbia. Starring Christopher Lloyd, Shelley Duveli; director, Burt Kennedy. Carmon Painton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914656) Mezzanina (0426 915663) West End

TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER (U): Welcome return of the 1971 bellet filt nimbly created from Beatris Potter's books, with the Royal Bellet and Frederick Ashton choreography. Director, Regented Mills.

TOTO THE HERO (16): Jeunity, shourdst comedy about youth, old age and \$10 is desappointments from ulented new Belgian director Jeco van Dormael. With Michel Bouquet, Thomas Godet.
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sided play where Tom Contil argues the case for bigsmy. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm. mgts Thurs, Set, 2.30pm. 180mins. A SWELL, PARTY: Four singers, two planists in Illushile tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies.

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9987). Mon-Trurs, 8pm, Fri. Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, mad Wed, 2.30pm. 140mins. TARTUFFE Paul Goldagton dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kandal is bold in a neerly successful

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PLIS TOUND ATTIST INCH TEAM SIRVES: In the first of two concerts today, plenest Gerth Hell gives the British premiere of Goeth's in Alex Tel and the world premiere of in Real Time 8, together with works by Colin Metthews, Berio and Berber, in the later covers. Junes Cath claims

later concert, James Crabb plays common securition of Arms Nordinales Familing, written in 1965; Messicen's

Les Anges (translated for accordion): Gubaldulina's 1976 De Profundia. He

stor gives the London premiere of Robert Sexton's Fantasiestick, as well as the first performance of Gordon McPherson's new work for accordion.

Purcell Room, South Bank, London 8E 1 (071-925 8800), 6.30pm and 6pm.

ALAN GAMPEL: Trained under the Yehudi Menuhin Scheme, the

Yeltudi Menuthin Scheme, his presenting plants gives a functione recibel of works by Scenisti (Three Sonatas); Beethoven (Sonata, "Les Adeux,"); Chippin (Barcandle, Op 60); and Baleidrev (Islamey). St David's, The Hayes, Cardell (0222 37 1235), 1,05pm;

manic gentleman, Mr Carl Orff. LONG RUNNERS: Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5872). Blood Brothers: Promis: (071-867 1044). Bloody: Victoria: Palece (071-864 1317). Carreno Jones: Old Vic (071-828 7616). Cate: New Landon (071-435 0072). Don't Dress is: Dumer: Apale. (071-494 5070). Prive Guye Named Most Lync (071-494 5046). Blood of Dressmoot: Pallectim (071-494 5046). LONG RUNNERS: Aspects of ness on the part of the musicians in the former pieces - in these times designated, I understand, as Symphonies Nos 1 and 6 - Mr Haydn's inventions tickled the mind greatly. He is a composer of much deverness. yet it would not be just to accuse him of mere exhibition of that talent. He combines his deverness with subtlety. so that each piece, while unfailingly holding its share of surprises, not least in the definess of its instrumentation. is always a shapely creation.

Señor Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos. who temporarily and wisely dismissed many of the London Symphony works, contenting himself with a mere eight first violinists, conducted Generation: Ambassadors (071-836 6111) . . . Z The Woman in Blacic Fortune (071-836 2236). Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre with vigour, yet the comparison with Mr Simon Rattle's conducting of music by this same composer could commemorated by this retrospective adhibition. The evolution of Whistier's siyle in goblets, much influenced by the drawings of his brother Rex, and their developing into his own invitation. not be avoided. Mr Rattle's esteemed players from Birmingham bring more chiaroscuro, and indeed far more general detail, to bear upon the Master's notes than their London Sotheby's, 34-35 New Band Street, W1 (071-406 5168), Man-Fri, Samcounterparts, though the latter pro-I then went to take coffee in high

work, Carmina Burana. The piece often superficially impresses with its loudness and its relentiess rhythms, but closer attention reveals its singular lack of harmonic and, for the most part, melodic invention.

The virgin to whose deflowering they referred was personified in the pure yet sumptuous singing of Miss Barbara Bonney, although by far the greater share of solos were taken by Mr Anthony Michaels-Moore, an excellent young baritone of smooth tone and wide range. Mr Michael Chance, meanwhile, eschewed the normal expressive delicacy and taste of his counter-tenor and made the Song of the Roasted Swan sound



Mystery behind the lines

Carrie Wale, Tim Crouch, Luke Williams and, back, Karen Hayes them off to Horace Walnole, who also marble effigies; young Tom wraps

asks for more. But what is going on in himself up like a monk and deciaims his mind all this time, exactly? the lines to his adoring elder sister. Julia Limer's production, which For a poem on a Good Samaritan incorporates well-sung passages from theme the cast act out the parts of a the requiem mass, gives life to his rich reeve and a poor friar. The poems poems in various imaginative ways. sound a bit of a mish-mash but the boy's unmistakable love of "yerbo Two members of the cast lie down as

juice" shines in them. He is drunk with words, desperate for recognition and fatally without a patron. His contemporaries found it hard

to believe that a "whelp" from so wretched a background could write like this. Limer and her cast, who between them devised the play, attempt to suggest how it happened. There is the muniment room, of course, but there is also his gran. played here for some arcane reason by a male actor, Luke Williams. Much centres on Granny Chatterton's odd behaviour slipping in and out of semility, always ready with a tale of quaint romance. The overlapping speeches are deverly done but the time spent among the Chatterton women seems perverse when relatively little shows Tom delving into the parchments.

One explanation is the cast's concern to present Tom's sister Mary as someone who might have been as prodigious had she not been denied, as a woman, the education she craved. Rowley, they suggest, was invented by the pair of them as a game of shared make-believe.

Well, maybe, the infant Brontes did such things, but the play does not give substance to this attribution. Karen Haves looks properly cheesed off as the disparaged Mary, and the ex-changes with her matter-of-fact mother (Carrie Wale) possess a dry, although modern, wit. But this is hardly enough to justify the deathbed tableau, modelled on the Pre-Raphaclite painting in the Tate, when she lies alongside her brother in the same languidly beautiful pose.

JEREMY KINGSTON

SAMCERT. vided some fine solo work in No 6. LSO/Frühbeck de Burgos spirits, only to have them dashed later Barbican by that other celebrated composer's

If I am bound to admit to boredom by the end, that is because I am a little old-fashioned in my preference for an art that goes beyond mere shallow effect. And to be truthful, the whole hearted approval of the multitude which assembled itself for this rendition was justified to some extent. for the ladies and gentlemen of the London Philharmonic Choir sang their words with a relish and sentiment which served the piece well, while the innocent faces of the equally fine Southend Boys Choir happily betrayed nothing of the indelicacy of some of their words

chillingly tortured.

BOCK Fast Freddie's Fingertips Cartoon, Croydon

ALAN PARKER'S film The Commitments crystallised what any regular gig-goer knows: that virtually every town in the country has a band playing a predictable repettoire of soul standards — "Mustang Sally", "In The Midnight Hour", "Chain of Fools" - often with great dedication and enthusiasm. Unlike the band in Parker's movie however, most of the real groups are indifferent performers, destined to travel no further than the back mom of their local pub.

Fast Freddie's Fingertips is one exception. At most weekends, Freddie Horton, a former bricklayer from Crawley, and his eight-piece band can be found somewhere in the suburbs of south London, packing out dubs and larger venues with a show that draws on the classic virtues of the Sixties' soul revue, yet spiced with enough local colour to transcend most of the limitations of such a notoriously second-hand, revivalist genre.

For one thing the majority of their songs are original compositions. As the house lights went down, the sound of a shuffling wah-wah guitar motif, a not too distant relation of the one in "Theme from Shaft", acted as a call to arms. The throng of well-oiled punters pushed forward while the band gradually fell in to the measured STEPHEN PETTITT uplown groove of "Back on the

Tools". A disciplined rhythm section of drums, bass and keyboards was augmented by a punchy two-man horn unit and an alkining two-woman vocal team, who iced the cake with

gospel-tinged harmonies.
Freddie bounded on last to a hero's weicome. A bulky figure, with a biond crop and Blues Brothers shades, he is blessed with a naturally characterful. throaty voice. He sang in a tone that was nicely worn but never reached that ragged point that so many would-be soul men mistakenly regard as a mark of their virility.

Of the handful of covers that they did perform, the best was Stevie Wonder's "Uptight", a lean, hard arrangement essentially faithful to the original, which was the sort of thing that Paul Young's former group O-Tips played in their prime.

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A charismatic and energetic performer, Freddie prefaced numbers such as "Do it Yourself" and "Costa Brava Love" with entertaining spiels that drew on south London folklore in much the same way that country singer Hank Wangford has bent the myth of the singing cowboy to his own humorous ends

Unfortunately, the other quality which Freddie's Fingertips share with both Wangford and Q-Tips is an inability to capture the essence of their appeal on disc. Although with a show as good as this they will never be short of bookings, wider success may prove clusive, unless someone starts shooting the movie now.

DAVID SINCLAIR

RADIO

Topolski's Travels Radio 5

ONE of the many facts never quite grasped by Lyndon Baines Johnson was that the main purpose of the American Empire is to turn the rest of the world into its convenient brothel. The "results" in Vietnam number some 16,000 new people, as against 60,000 American dead. Malthus would approve. But when Amerasian children, now in their twenties, finally get Stateside in pursuit of papa, they become liable to ordeal by interview at the hands of a former Oxford rowing

Topolski's Travels (Radio 5, yesterday) pitted two species of voice against each other. One was the fractured wind-chime of Vu Kim Gnoc, the half-American girl who half-spoke "mail-speak"; the other, the crackerbarrel Mogadon drone of her acknowledged father. Ron Wolsey is a veteran of "classified missions". which may or may not be Pentagonese for burning human beings to death. When they finally met at an airport in North Carolina, Daniel Topolski's cultured pidgin was also there. ("It's all been positive," commented Mrs Wolsey, hopefully.) Then he accompanied Kim on her first shopping trip. Kim was en-chanted: there was nothing like this superabundance of interchangeable rubbish in Vietnam. "No job. No

future. No nothing." Such immigrants, Topolski ventured, are "determined to succeed. They want to put the past behind them and start afresh," he shrewdly observed. They have, in other words, signed up for the stupid cult of happiness on which America runs. It was not so much that Kim's amibitions were economically determined — why should they not have been? — but that one failed to understand the presenter's interest in the subject at hand. Unless, of course, it were economic. in a valiant attempt to drag its

audience's median age down to a zesty 59. Radio 2 has conscripted some bright new talent, including a recycled hovercraft stewardess. glean this information from the network's publicity literature, which

is becoming increasingly hard to distinguish from certain pages in Private Eye. "What the people need is what they'll get," declares the ever-youthful Brian Hayes, the enawhile phone-in king of London who now. rises painfully early to growl between records. Hayes on The Springfields yesterday: "And of course you heard the wonderful sound of Dusty's voice ringing through." On Sheena Easton: "She seemed so innocent then; didn't she?" Yes, Brian. On Diana Ross: "She still sings up a storm." I once wrote that Radio 2's playlist is selected by a committee of performing geriatric seals. I would now like to apologise to seals everywhere. MARTIN CROPPER

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9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jilt Dando. (Cestex) Regional news and weather (7945)



A stranger to the hairbrush: Jimmy Nail as Spender (9.30pm)

9.30 Spender: Here We'Go Again Render: Here We Go Again

CHOICE: The creation of len Le Franzis and the actor. Jimmy Nail, Spender was the best new police drama of 1991 and it returns for the second series with every sign of the standard being maintained. Nail's contribution is central. Not only does he give flesh and blood to the unkempt loner cop, plying his rough trade in Geordie country. He also, as tonight, writes the show and the quality begins with the writing, which is sharp and leconic and laced with a brittle, way humour. More about obserctor and ambience then cer chases, Spender may parade the grittiness of its northeast locations but undemeath it inhabits a world as romantic and stylised as Chandler's Los Angeles. The main threads for the new series are that Spender has a new bose to tangle with, his estranged wife has a new man, and aidelick Stick tangle with, his estranged wife has a new man, and aidekick Stick is just out of prison and about to land into fresh trouble. (Ceefex) 373939). Northern ireland: Week in Week Out (81858); 10.60-10.55

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Valentine, beset of the true story of an undercover cop who beind New York's muggers and rapists. Directed by Sandor Stam. (Cester) (232266) 12.88em Westber (6377866)

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News and weather, regional news and weather (721741)
5.00 Behind the Headlines. Robert Robinson and Loyd Grossman are joined by the novelist and singer Shusha Guppy and the journalist Garaldine Bedell to discuss the latest fitness video for man (8755).

5.30 The Gravediggera. Gravediggers from Cumbria and Chashire reflect on their profession (r) (658) 6.00 Film: House of Bamboo (1955). Big-budget crime drama in which an American undercover agent (Robert Stack) infiltrates a protection racket in Tokyo, run by former American serviceman Robert Ryan. Directed by Samuel Fuller (63379002)

7.40 Animation Now: To Be. A nutty professor invents a machine that can duplicate people (r) (687945)



The great British education debate: Sir Claus Moser (7.50pm)

7,59 Learning to Pail: Why Don't the English Care About ● CHOICE: Sir Claus Moser, werden of Wacheso College, Oxford, opens a two-part enquiry into the state of English education that is highly critical while thankfully free of party political stanging. Moser's contention is that the system works very well for the small minority but is not good enough for the rest. He points out that most children leave it at 16, feeling that it has failed them. Moser calls in evidence from historiums and the views of leave academics to suggest that the English have always been grudging about providing education as a state responsibility. He compares England with Scotland, where education has been taken more exclusive trackers have been taken to be the order of t seriously, teachers have been more highly valued and standards are often higher. The film offers much to chew on, not least Sir Reli Dahrendorf's judgment that England is a country of Nobel prize winners and unsidied labourers with not enough in between

\$.30 Food and Drink, Restaurateur Antonio Carluccio embarks on a gastronomic tour of central Europe (s) (9674)

8.80 Quantum Leap. American acience fiction series about two time-travellers. (Ceefax) (s) (970945)

9.45 Our Boys (b/w). Documentary set in 1950s Ireland, in which filmmaker Cathal Black uses archive footage, dramatic reconstruction and interviews to explore what he sees as one of the root causes of sectarian division in Irish life, the Christian Brothers' education of thousands of Catholic boys in Iraland for over a century (980858) 10 \times 10: Impulse. Eleanor Yule's and David Charap's satire on the 10:20 10 x 10: Impulse. Eleanor Yule's and David Charap's sa

advertising world's perception of romantic tentacy (r) (674587)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Promen (651129)

11.15 World Darts. Coverage of the second round matches (s) (347674)

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1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (61474007)
1.50 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama (s) (50434281)
2.20 Sanokar: The Marcantile Credit Classic. Nick Owen introduces play from Bournemouth (1462668) 3.15 ITM News headlines (4134726) 3.20 Thames News headlines (4134726)

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3.25 The Young Doctors (6320668)
3.55 Josie Smith. Adventure story (6621378) 4.05 Disney's Duck Tales. Cartoon (4029910) 4.30 Pepe Le Pew. Cartoon (3228561)
4.40 Press Gang: Bad News

© CHOICE: The excellent jumps newspaper drams returns with an

episode which was written and filmed several months before the demise of Robert Mexicel. Otherwise you might suspect the writer Steven Molfat of trying to grab his fictional headlines from the real paper world. Even so, the parallels are uncarrilly close, what with the propnetor of the Junior Gazette meeting a sudden death, a member of his family taking over and financial troubles threatening to close the paper. Happly no one has tampered with the pension fund and happily, too, Moffat's tough and funny script engineers a rescue plan. It also offers a devastating perody of children's television programmes Julia Sawalha, as the paper's combetive editor, continues to head the lively young cast (Oracle)

ra. General knowledge quiz for teenegers (6939842) 5.40 ITN News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (298649)
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(Oracle) (533)
8.00 The BBI: A Friend in Need, PC Stamp (Greitem Cole) investigates a fire at a home for former psychiatric patients. (Oracle) (1465)
8.30 The Upper Hand. Domestic cornedy series (s) (3200)
9.00 Mistress of Suspense: The Cat Brought It Im. Doug Livingstone's dramatisation of a story by Patricia Highsmith begins with the Herbert family's pet cat finding a package containing two severed fingers. The only clue is the mittals WRMT engraved on a wedding ring. Staming Edward Fox. (Oracle) (5025)
10.00 News at Tox with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather (77113) 10.30 Thames News (221587)



Defiance starts young here: a child in East Timor (10.40pm)

10.40 First Tuesday: Cold Blood — the Messacre of East Timor CHOICE: Towards the and of last year indonesian troops opened fire on mourners at a funeral service on East Timor, a small process. island in the Indian Ocean. Some 100 Timorese died and another 80 were reportedly executed in an attempt to hide the atrocity. But the massacre was recorded by a brave western cameraman, Max Stabl. and shown on television screens around the world. This First Tusselsy report uses Stahl's footage as the peg for a wider lock at the East Timor tragedy. Until 1975 the island was part of the Portuguese colonial empire. When the Portuguese withdraw, Indonesian troops moved in to fill the vacuum. In the 16 years of an occupation condemned in ten United Nations resolutions, one third of the population has died. Eye-witness accounts aupply a grim commentary of this genocide, much of which was carried out with weapons supplied to Indonesia by Britain and the United

States. (Oracle) (300378)
11.40 Snocker: The Mercentile Credit Classic (507849)
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1.40 The Equalizer, American detective series (1980934)
2.30 Domainus (43/40) 3.30 EU Minutes [14683)
4.30 Entertainment UIC. Weekly guide to what's on in Britain (64682)
5.30 ITM Morning News with Phil Romen (19801). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (6867484) 9.25 Equinox: Earth Calling Basingstoke. The bizarre world of amaleur astrology (f). (Teletext) (8133484)

10.25 Famous for Four Minutes (r) (6899216) 10.30 Flight Over Spain. A bird's eye view of the Andalusian port of Seville (r) (Teletext) (56674)

11.00 Kabaddi: Men's Final. West Bengal v Punjab (r) (7991) 11.30 Kingdom of the Deep: Polar Bear! Andrew Sachs narrales this documentary from the Survival team about the threat to the Arctic habitat of the polar bear (r) (67991)

12.30 Business Daily (81804)
1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series (82587)
2.00 Film: The Maggie (1954, b/w) Minor Ealing comedy about a wily Scottish steam boat captain who tricks an American businessman. Starring Paul Douglas and Alex Mackenzie. Directed by Alexander

Mackendrick (582939) 3.45 Third Wave with Mavis Nicholson: Sir Yehudi Menuhin. A conversation with the veteran musician. (Teletext) (2246378) 4.38 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers quiz

5.00 It's a Dog's Life. First shown on ITV, this series exploring canine matters begins with a look at the Newfoundland breed, and the training of gundogs (r) (3823) 5.30 Dramarama: Just a Normal Girl. The first in a senes of five

dramas for children is about disabled teenagers (1) (Teletext) (246) 5.00 My Two Dade: She'll Get Over It. Lame American comedy series about a teenage girl and her two adoptive fathers. Nicole (Staci Keanan) is rejected as a model (r) (939)

6.30 Garagemester. Dominik Diamond presents the first programme in a now series devoted to video games in which celebribes and mbers of the public attempt to accomplish a task set b, the half-human, half-computerised gamesmaster (991) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (752129)

7.50 Comment (872571)
8.80 Brother Felix and the Vingln Saint, Bamber Gascoigne presents the first of a three-part documentary series about Brother Felix, a 15th-century German Dominican monk who travelled 3,000 miles

from the Alps to Venice to touch the bones of the virgin saint, Catherine of Alexandria (Teletert) 19007)

Nature Watch: All For the Elephant. Julian Petufer accompanies wildlife artist David Shepherd to Zimbabwe as he sets out to raise \$1 million to help combat the decime of Africa's elephant contributor. (Teletert 1848) population, (Teletext) (1842)

9.00 Without Walls: Mirror of Paradise. A documentary celebrating the cultural and religious co-existence between Muslim, Jew and Christian in the medieval civilisation of Islamic Spain (3668)



A troubled life on film: Kerry Fox as Janet Frame (10.00pm)

10.00 An Angel at My Table: To the is-Land. The first of a three-part dramatisation of Jane Campion's thiogy, based on the autobiographies of the New Zesland writer Janet Frame, traces Janet's troubled childhood. Staming Kerry Fox. (Teletext) (3115858)Film: Bunny Lake is Missing (1965, b/w). Mystery thriller starring

Laurence Olivier as a police inspector investigating the disappearance of a four-year-old American girl from her English nursery school With Carol Lynley, Noel Coward and Anna Massey. Directed by Otto Preminger (522649) Ends at 1.05em

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Welsh Symptony Orchestra under Terje Mitkelsen with John Lill on plano, play Rossin (Overture, The Barber of Serville); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K467); Serilaz (Symptonie antastique, Op 14)
4.30 Brass at the Colston: In the first of the concerts from Susan Drake, harp)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert cont: Dvorák Moming Concert cont. Decrease (Stavonic Rhapsody in G minor, Op 45, No 2: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur), Tchaikovsky (July, August, The Seasona: Lydia Artymew, psino); Chaminisde (Fluta Concertino: Chi. et Leiptino Stronois under Chi. et Leiptinois under Chi. et Leiptinois under Chi. et Leiptino Stronois under Chi. et Leiptinois under Chi. et Lei City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox, with Susan Milar on flute), Donizetti (Ballet music; La Favorita: Philharmonia Orchestra under Antonio de Almeida)

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8.35 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Greg. Lyric Pieces, Op 12 Nos
1, 2, 4, 5 and 6: Eva Knardehl, piano, Four Songs, Op 21: Marianne Hirsti, soprano and Rudolf Jansen, piano; Norwegian Folk Songs and Dances, Op 17 Nos 12-17: Kjell Baekkelund, piano; En svane, Op 25 No 2. Trondheim SO under Ole Knstian Ruud, with Mananne Hirsti; Plano Concerto in A minor, Op 15: Oslo PO under Mariss Janso

oslo PO under Mariss Jansons Ath Jens Harald Bratile, piano 9.35 Morning Sequence: Schumann (Overlure, Scherzo and Finale, Op 52: Staatskapelle Dresden under Wolfgang Sawellisch), Krommer (Partite for wind sexter in E flatt Consortium Classicum), Weber (Konzertstück in Finner, Op 79 Staatskapelle Dresden under Herbert Bronsfedt, with Pater Brook Penny): Mozart under nervert stomstedt, with Peter Rösel, peno); Mozart (String Quartet in A, K 464. Quartetto Italiano); Potter (Symphony No 10 in G minor. Vilton Keynes CO under Hitary Davan Wetton): records

11.40 BBC Concert Orchestra under Bryden Thomson with Aree Telletsan on violin play Svendsen (Norwegian Rhapsody No 3, Op 21): Nielsen (Violin Concerto); Grieg (Symphonic Dances Op 64) (r)

first of four concerts from Bristol's Brass Band Festival the Desford Colliery Caterpli Band under James Watson Band under James Watson and the Sun Life Band under Roy Newsome play Arriold (Fantasy); Delius, air Mowat (Walk to the Paradise Garden); Bliss, air Enc Ball (Three Dances, Checkmata); Henry Cheel (Qliver Cromwell) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Jaremy Nichols 7.00 Nawa 2.05 Taird Far. The Palestinian

7,05 Third Ear: The Palestinian expert Edward Said talks to

Roy Porter
7.30 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Kent Nagano Orchestra under Kent Nagano with Artur Pizarro, piano, piay Takemitsu (A Flock Descends into the Penlegonal Garden); Chopin (Prano Concerto No 2 in F minor, Op 21); Prokoflev (Symphony No 6 in E flat

(Symphony No 6 in E flat mirror, Op 111);

9.19 Drama Now: Figure with Meat. When Colin dies, will he become one of the bits of meat in Francis Bacon's laughing cardinal painting? (f)

10.05 Irish Tenebrae by Judith Binghem: World previoure introduced by the composer, with Alison Wells (soprano); Perry Montague Mason (violin); Simon Limbrick and Gregory Simon Limbrick and Gregory Knowles (percussion); Mertyn

Perry (organ) and the BBC Singers under Simon Joly 10.35 Schumann and Shostakovic Philip Dukes, violin, and Simo Over, plano, play Schumann (Marchenbilder, Op 113) and Shostakovich (Viota Sonata,

Op 147) (r) 11.30 News 11.35 Composers of the Week:
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London cab company. Eddle is finding the new owner, Angele, appallingly honest (s) 7.05 The Archers

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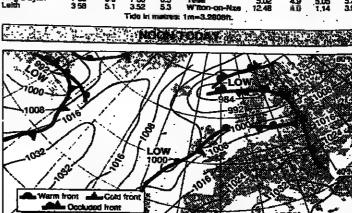
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Director survives call to quit zoo

By Michael McCarthy ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

FELLOWS of the Zoological Society of London last night backed away from a threatened confrontation with the governing council and management of London zoo. But in a stormy meeting they made clear their unhappiness with the 200's recent record.

In two ballots - by a show of hands, and also by a postal vote, the result of which was announced vesterday - they gave the zoo authorities support for the future in their £9 million renewal programme, which was chosen by the zoo council yesterday in preference to the much more ambitious £61 million scheme put forward by a private consortium, Regent's Park Zoo Ltd. They also passed a vote of no confidence, however, in the past performance of the council and senior management.

Nearly 400 fellows of the society crowded into the London University meeting, which was called by a reform group who blamed the zoo regime for the crisis of identity and finance which has threatened its closure.

The reformers, led by zoologists Stephen Cobb and Colin Tudge, put forward proposals for the future, involving more breeding of endangered animais, and called for the resignation of half the council and for the dismissal of senior management, including the zoo director, David Jones.

The resignation calls were defeated last night, that affecting Mr Jones by seven votes, and Mr Jones said he would be remaining in his post. The zoo treasurer. Peter Holwell, promised that there would be a review of the management structure "from top to bottom", and said that the ideas of the reform group would be incorporated in future plans.

Dr Cobb said last night: We have given them the most tremendous kick in the backside to get on with modernising the whole outlook of

a stuffy old society." The zoo's annual stocktake of animals, to be completed next week, will reveal considerably smaller numbers than last year. The 1.159 mammals. 884 birds, 460 reptiles and 202 amphibians are being reduced to try to cut costs, as are the 2,600 fish and 13.000 invertebrates.

Safari park closes, page 19



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Radio daze: a van on its way to the races, top left, and leaving Buckingham Palace in 1959. The present taxi, below, retracts its aerial for the last time in the shadow of the Volkwagen microbus.

Taxi talked to nation

Continued from page I meetings frequently found themselves the subject of unwelcome attention. Once the aerial was aloft the vehicle became a focus for sometimes truculent members of the crowd who, when particu-

occupants violently. The aerial posed other problems, too. On a number of occasions the radio car was driven away with its mast still partially extended. All would go well until the vehicle attempted to negotiate a low bridge or tunnel.



Sir Allan decides to change sides

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Alian Green, QC, is to return to the Bar as a defence advocate, and not as a prosecutor, his earlier role.

The former Director of Public Prosecutions, who resigned last October after being warned by police over kerb-crawling, will take up a place in his old chambers at 1 Hare Court in the Temple, which are headed by Michael Kalisher, QC, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association.

Yesterday, Sir Allan, who expects to return to the Bar in April, was reluctant to be drawn lest he appeared to be "advertising". He said from his London home, however: "It is for others to decide what work I do, but I will do what I am sent."

He agreed that there would be a change in his role and that would be likely to resume his advocacy for the defence rather than the prosecution. "Others have commented that this would be the case. That is obviously much more likely, and I think it is right."

Mr Kalisher, who is in Hong Kong, said yesterday: "I wrote to Sir Allan as soon as the incident happened, saying that if he would like to come back he would be more than welcome." He said that Sir Allan had had a distinguished career at the Bar and thought of. Other chambers of repute had also approached him. Mr Kalisher added.

Sir Allan, who is aged 56, has not practised in the courts as a barrister for five years.

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President flees to Armenia

Continued from page 1

cally elected leader had been ousted so unceremoniously. "He was a great humanist to the end," one elderly lecturer said. "and the people who have overthrown him were

Jaba loseliani, head of the Mhedrioni (horsemen), the rebel force which jointly runs the new military council that has claimed control of Georgia, said yesterday that the group would continue to pursue the overthrown president. although his departure from parliament had apparently been arranged with the rebel

Mr Gamsakhurdia's hasty departure marked the climax of two weeks of striper battles between government and opposition forces. Despite the setting and passing of several deadlines for him to give himself up, he remained defiant in his bunker. The final blow came on Sunday night, when rebel forces pounded the



building with machinegun and rocket fire from positions in the mountains.

Fire raged through one wing of the parliament, triggering explosions as it en-gulfed small stocks of arms left behind. The courtvard of the high yellowstone stalinist building was littered yester-day with spent ammunition. masonry and wrecked vehicles. Some of the stone columns at the front of the building had been blown away completely, and only bare wire reinforcements

joined the main sections to-gether.

A column of thick black smoke rose over Tbilisi and drifted towards the snowcapped ridges surrounding the city. "Gone at last," one gunman said, sitting on the ground. "Georgia can breathe again."

But Nodar Georgadze, the former Georgian defence minister who helped to arrange Mr Gamsakhurdia's departure, said that the country faced hard times. "Everyone, all Georgians, are guilty. Gamsakhurdia has a greater responsibility as president, but we all bear our share," he told an American television

"This may not be the end but the beginning," he said. "Until now the war has been limited to the Rustaveli [Prospekt]; but now it could spread to the whole of

Trouble-stirrers, page 9

Lamont says Labour will lift tax £1,000

Continued from page I would be offset by higher VAT, Mr Lamont also sought to assert the Conservative party's tax-cutting credentials.

He ruled out any further switch from direct to indirect taxation by insisting that the government could afford to achieve its long-term target of a basic rate of 20p without increasing taxes elsewhere.

In remarks reminiscent of George Bush's "no new tax-es" pledge, Mr Lamont said: "We have no plans for putting up taxes . . . It is not necessary for us, and I have no plans to DUI UD OINER IAXES IN ORIER IO achieve that lcut the basic rate] . . . We got the last 5p off without making adjustments in other taxes. We neither need to, nor do we have plans to do so.

Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, backed Lamont by labelling Neil

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Kinnock "an enemy of lower taxes" and by alleging that a million more higher-rate pay-ers would suffer from his decision to lower the threshold for

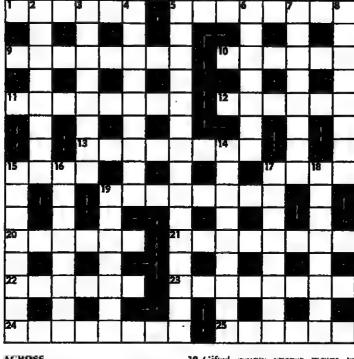
Labour's planned 50 per cent top rate from £40,000 to Labour scomed the Tories "bogus" claims, insisting that it would not raise the basic rate of tax and that the 50 per cent rate would come in sub-

stantially above £30,000. John Smith, shadow Chancellor, said: "Quite a number of City commentators said a few months ago not to take the Conservative party had made on Labour's programme at all seriously. They

were right."

Lamont's attack, page 2 Ivor Crewe, page 12 Leading article, page 13 Letters, page 13

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,808



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WORD-WATCHING

A daily salari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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ROLLS LINK Rolls-Royce is to team up with Textron Lycoming. America's third largest acro engine maker, to upgrade the Tay engine to power McDonnell Douglas's new mid-range twin jet, the MD-95



Tony Habgood, chief executive of Bunzl, has closed the loss-making American food distribution operation, acquired in 1987

TRADE STAKES

Carclo Engineering said a Lee and a 7 per cent holding in Wellman were "trade investments". Cardo's pretax profits fell 33 per cent to f2.87 million in the halfyear ended September Tempus, Page 20

GATT HOPES



Carla Hills, the American trade representative, hopes to break the Gatt deadlock at talks with European Washington today

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Britain's car sales suffer record slump

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S car industry suffered its worst slump last year, according to fig-ures to be published today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and

Traders. Sales of new cars were fewer than 1.6 million, the lowest since 1982, 20 per cent down on 1990 and a 30 per cent drop on the record sales year

The figures will be used as further evidence that Britain's biggest manufacturing industry has borne the brunt of the recession, hastened by swingeing budget measures imposed by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, last

March. Industry executives now want Mr Lamont to consider lifting the tax burden on company car ownership and abolishing the special tax of 10 per cent on each new car sold

Treasury officials to decide on budget measures for this

Geoffrey Whalen, chair-man of Peugeot Talbot, Britain's fourth biggest car company, said yesterday he hoped the Chancellor would give the industry hope for a 1992 recovery from "the worst two-year slump in the history of the motor

initial industry estimates expect sales to recover to be-tween 1.7 million and 1.8 million this year unless the Chancellor is prepared to announce measures that will help revive sales.

Mr Whalen's company provided one of the few bright spots in an otherwise gloomy year. Peugeot Talbot sales fell by just 6.6 per cent compared with the 20 per cent industry

Company failures increase by 56%

By Graham Searjeant, Financial editor

FAILURES of substantial companies increased by 56 per cent last year as the recession gathered pace. The number of receivers appointed rose to 4,112 against 2,634 hs 1990, and force than 1,200 in any of the four previ-

os years. After rising steeply towards the end of 1990, the rate of faiktres has, however, stabilised at about 1,000 new receiverships in each of the past. four quarters, according to figures published by KPMG Pear Marwick McLintock,

changed attitudes of banks. Tim Hayward, Peat Marwick's head of corporate recovery, said the market for business assets was so poor that banks were now only putting in receivers as a last resort since that would lead to further bad debts. "For every one receivership, I believe there are three or four com-panies facing financial difficulties and which their banks have put on special watch or

in intensive care," he argued. There was a sharp regional variation in collapses. Receiverships rose by 90 per cent in

has brought in a top Walt Disney executive to head its

North American retail

years as senior vice-president

Ms Moore has been

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Laura Ashley's American re-

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the Midlands and 72 per cen in South Wales, but only 13 per cent in the Northeast and 44 per cent in Scotland. More than half the receiverships were in the Southeast. facrossed corporate misery in the Midlands partly reflect the spread of the recession,

which started in construction. finance, retail and other service industries but spread back to manufacturing, which accounted for 29 per cent of the total. Mr Hayward predicted that the number of new re-

ceiverships was likely to be at ☐ In a further letter to The Times, six monetarist economists including Sir Alan Walters, Mrs Thatcher's former economic adviser, argue that the rate of company failures, much the highest since the Thirties, showed that the government should have out interest rates faster and deeper. They predict that output could continue to fall this

deepest of the postwar period.

year, making the recession the longest and possibly the

Disney executive joins Laura Ashley

management team. Her back-

ground with Walt Disney

gives her a unique insight into

brand marketing to add to her

Ms Moore said she was

at a "pivotal time". "Laura

Ashley has an outstanding

market position in North

America. My task will be to

build on that position while

LAURA Ashley, the fashion "We are thrilled to have Don-and home furnishings group, na Moore join our new global

Donna Moore, aged 51, extensive operating joins Laura Ashley after four experience."

at Disney Stores, a subsidiary excited to be joining the group

who took over as group chief improving operational effec-

executive last July. He said: tiveness," she said.

pared with 6.1 per cent in

1990 and just 1.9 per cent in

While profits are not expected to meet 1990's E107 million, Mr Whalen said they would be "acceptable" against the background of recession and the big finan-cial losses being incurred elsewhere in the industry.

The strong performance has encouraged the French parent business, PSA of France, to speed up plans to build a new mid-range model at Ryton, Coventry, which could be in production within

Ryton's rapid efficiency improvements during the Eight-les. While production has faltered this year because of home sales, exports of more than 60,000 cars were 67.5 per cent of total output from the Coventry plant.

DAF, the Dutch truck and

van maker, has given warn-ing that a return to profits will be delayed until the second half of this year because of the depressed state of the European truck market and higher interest rates in The Netherlands and Germany (Wolfgang Munchau writes).

In a gloomy new year message, the company said "1991 was a particularly bad year for DAF", with vehicle production down to 50,900, compared with 54,500 a year

The sharp full in production was a response to the need to reduce high inventory levels, as a result of which deliveries fell at a slower rate and stood at 51,185, 'down from 53,785 in 1990. In the statement, the com-

pany said: "The board of management cannot therefore yet indicate at this early stage a final financial outcome for 1991, but the loss conziderable".

Shareholders are told that restructuring costs have increased and that additional provisions are necessary.

In Britain, the company employs just over 6,000 staff, slighly fewer than at its main plant at Eindhoven. The main British plant at Leyland and Chorley, Lancashire, and the Albion axle factory in Glasgow were particularly affected by job cuts last year. DAF operates another plant in Birmingham and a marketing operation at Thame, Oxfordshire.

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Ratner near to stepping down



Sterling stays vulnerable despite a firmer opening

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE pound comfortably rode out the first day this year trading again, but currency analysis expect sterling to come under pressure soon if the dollar loses more ground against the mark.

The reopening of Tokyo was expected to expose the pound to the global market and test the government's re-solve to defend it. However, the market was very thin because of a holiday in continental Europe. Despite the pound's firmer tone this year, dealers consider it vulnerable, given the small interest rate differential between the UK and Germany, the weak economic background, and the overnment's poor showing in the opinion polls.

At the Bank of England close at 4pm, sterling stood at DM2.8522, compared with DM2.8567 on Friday. Against the declining dollar, the pound jumped more than 2 cents to \$1.8740. Its tradeweighted Index ended 0.2 higher at 91.6. Fears are growing that the dollar, which shed about 2.5 pfennigs to go below DM1.52, could fall back towards its

1991 low of DM 1.4430. With Madrid shut, there was no official trade in pesetas, forcing the market to use an estimate of sterling's effective ERM floor. During the morning, the pound dropped to about two thirds of a piennig from the theoretical floor,

Moore: "pivotal time"

that MO, the narrow money supply measure, grew an annual 2.9 per cent in November, picking up from the 2.6 per cent annual rise in October. The bank and building society lending element of M4, the broad money measure, was revised down to £5.5 billion from £5.7 billion. Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, said the figures suggested a rising

Bankers' Association data showed that lending for consumption in the three months to the end of November rose by a marginal £101 million and compared with a £415 million increase in the previous three-month period. Borrowing on credit cards was only £23 million higher. trend in consumer spending. but that recent notes data

pointed to renewed slowdown. A breakdown showed that the pickup was flattered by large rises in coins and bankers' balances. British

close at low of 21 12 p BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH AND JON ASHWORTH

Shares

GERALD Ratner, besieged chairman and chief executive jewellery group, is poised to step down as chairman. A new chairman for the group has been lined up and is identity may be revealed when Ratners gives details of its Christmas trading to the London Stock Exchange on

Friday. Mr Ratner, who spent yes terday in meetings with his directors, refused to comment on the pressure on him to step down. He told journalists, who had gathered at the Ratners' head office in Mayfair, London, that a full statement would be made on Friday. There is some speculation that he may also be forced to give up

The shares dropped to 18p yesterday, before rebounding to 21 א p, an all time closing low. At current levels, Mr Ratner's stake in the com-pany is worth £174,000 against £1.5 million in April

Yesterday's all-day board meeting was ostensibly to discuss Christmas sales. which are believed to be down between 30 per cent and 40 per cent on last Christmas. The board is also likely to have outlined plans to close up to 100 branches of Ratners in Britain. The group is preparing to meet its bankers in the next few days. A spokeswoman for Barclays Bank, lead banker to Ratners Group, said no large meeting of all the group's bankers had yet taken place.

The group has to find .82 million in the current year to

pay a £57 million put option on its convertible eurobonds and to repay a £25 million tranche of debt. Both are due in the autumn. Ratners' bankers will want to establish whether the group needs to extend its banking facilities as well as renegotiate its

banking covenants.

Current facilities of about adequate, but Ramers could find itself short of cash in the autumn after repayments have been made and when it is building up stocks for the

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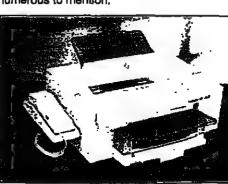
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Windsor safari park hunts buyer

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

EVEN Boris the baby Hippo has now felt the cruel winds of the recession. Themes International, the leisure group which owns Windsor Safari Park, fell into receivership yesterday, leaving the fate of lions, giraffes and zebras in the hands of Cork Gully, the insolvency

specialists. Before animal rights campaigners storm into Berkshire to rescue Bons and his friends from their insolvent menagerie, however, Cork Gully and the Royal Bank of Scotland, Themes's main bank, are taking pains to stress that the welfare of the animals is safe in their hands.

Chris Barlow and Ian Bond, partners from Cork Gully, are looking for a buyer for the park, one of the most popular pourist attractions in the country. The park, with its Kilimanjaro toboggan run, the African Queen riverboat ride, and even the Bongo burger bar, is likely to be sold to the highest bidder. In the meantime, Windsor will continue to operate normally, thus allowing Boris, one of the few hippopotami born in captivity, to impress his audiences.

The 142-acre safari park is one of the largest of its kind in Europe. The park owns more than 600 creatures of all shapes and sizes from all over the world. There are llamas, sea lions and butterflies, as well as the more predictable lions and tigers.

Mr Barlow said the safari park was a unique asset. "We are certainly planning to keep it going for the foreseeable future - for months rather than weeks - since it needs to be marketed internationally to ensure that we get the best price for it." The park is thought to make losses during the winter when visitors are

rather scarce, but profits from the sum-Cork Gully has won the support of the Royal Bank of Scotland, Themes's main banker, to fund the park during the

winter while it searches for a buyer. Themes asked the Royal Bank of Scotland to bring in receivers after negotiations to sell the safari park fell through and the group could no longer service debts estimated at more than £40 million. The company bought Windsor in 1988 and has spent millions of pounds building the rides and amusements.

Apart from the safari park. Themes owns a diverse collection of leisure businesses. Ten Hollywood Bowl bowling alleys will also continue to operate.

Cork Gully says, however, that it is reviewing the "financial and commercial position" of the other businesses. These include Bygone Times, reputedly the largest antiques market in Europe at Ecclestone in Lancashire, and a paddle steamer in Rotterdam. Overall the group has 1,200 employees. Last night Cork Gully's accountants were still uncovering the full extent of the group's assets.

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difficult to argue with. If an

operation makes losses, and

there is no reasonable pros-

pect that they can be re-

versed in the short term, then

shareholders' funds are bet-

Shareholders' funds total-

ling £6.5 million are tied up

in the RSR division, which

encompasses 30 depots and

which has been up for sale

since last year, and now

Robert Fleming, the mer-chant banker, has been in-

structed to find a buyer for Bruntons, the steel wire and

wire rope concern, in which

the group has invested £6

million. A signed sale agree-ment may not come before

Carcio's pre-tax profits of

£2.87 million for the six months to end-September.

against £4.31 million, reflect

mixed fortunes from a mixed

bag of operations. The Inter-

im dividend is held at 1.71p.

Divisional performances

varied greatly, and the out-

look for the second half

remains uncertain. The first

clue to a recovery, and improvement in the order book.

Meanwhile, net cash bal-

ances of £8.7 million, which

together with unutilised bor-

rowing facilities swell Car-

has not appeared yet.

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Winter sales mood grips Carclo THE January sales have not only come to the high street. clo's money in hand to £35 million, generated £274,000 They have started in the corporate sector, too. Carclo Engineering Group has "for in interest received in the first half, against £303,000 previously, and the ammuni-tion is there for acquisitions, sale" signs up over two poorly performing subsidiaries. probably in Europe, when The philosophy of John Ewart Carclo's chairman, is

the price is right. Carclo insists that its 7.9 per cent stake in Arthur Lee & Sons and a 7 per cent investment in Wellman are just "trade investments".

While the recesssion grinds on, the drive against cost continues, and capital expenditure has again been scaled down. This year's pre-tax profits

could turn out at about £6 million, against £8 million. Given fair economic winds, and successful asset sales, profits may rise to £7 million plus in 1993. At 143p, the shares trade on 14 times prospective earnings, but they remain worth holding and are backed by a 7.3 per

Bunzi

BUNZL yesterday finally bowed to the inevitable and announced the closure of its American west coast food distribution operations with the loss of 380 jobs.

Given the performance of the operations in recent years. Bunzl's abortive attempts to find a buyer never looked likely to succeed.

The winding up of the Collins Foodservice and Corsaro Produce companies at least staunches one of the most painful cash outflows in this amorphous transat-

lantic group. But the whole sorry episode illustrates perfectly what has gone wrong with the company since the mid-1980s. Acquired for \$40 million in 1987, the food service operations did not form part of the group's long-term strategy but were purchased purely as a foot-

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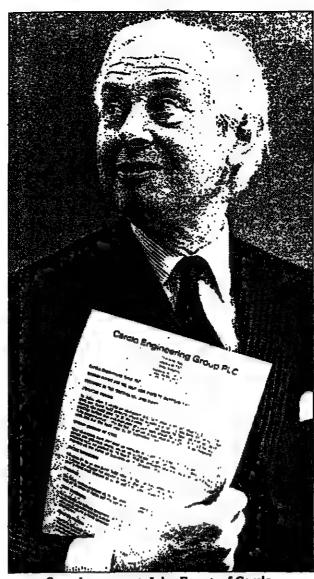
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hold in American west coast distribution. When Bunzl later bought a paper and plastics consumables distributor, which is what it really wanted, the food distribution companies became surplus to requirements. Since then, they have lost money steadi-, more than half a million dollars a month at last count.

If the provisions against disposal made in the 1990 accounts and 1991 interim accounts are also considered, the cost to Bunzl shareholders of the venture in the past four and a half years could amount to more than \$60 million. The provisions mean, however, that the closure will not affect profits in the current year.

And the pain of restructuring is not yet over. The final UK paper manufacturing facility remains to be sold and the Italian paper merchanting operations are in a mess and require major

Assuming pre-tax profits of £47 million for the year just begun, the shares trade on a near market multiple of just under 13 times prospective earnings with no hint of a hostile bidder to provide an attractive upside. It is still too early to start buying.



Sound argument: John Ewart, of Carclo

Paribas to sell industrial holdings

EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

CIE Financière de Paribas. the French banking and investment group, may sell some of its industrial holding interests, according to Andre Levy-Lang, its chairman.

M Levy-Lang's comments. made in an interview with La Tribune de l'Expansion, the French financial newspaper, are likely to raise speculation over a possible sale of Paribas's substantial cement and building materials interests. M Levy-Lang said that Paribas did not intend to retain its industrial interests permanently "because that is not our business". Paribas's main industrial

activities are Ciments Francais and Poliet, the cement and building products com-panies that Paribas consolidated last March, raising its share capital from Fr7 billion to Fr12 billion.

One of the aims of the consolidation was the creation of a giant company with sales of about Fr35 billion, the third largest building products group in the world. There was, however, some criticism in France that Paribas might have over-extended itself. Analysts maintain this was in part responsible for a sharp drop in Paribas shares. M Levy-Lang did not give

specific details but confirmed that "we have plans for dis-

Europe and US attempt to restart farm price talks

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

AMERICA and the European Community today renew their efforts to break the deadlock over farm subsidies that has blocked the world trade talks and could put the ambitious liberalisation package in jeopardy.

Remarks from President Bush and João de Deus Pinheiro, the foreign minister of Portugal, current holder of the Community presidency, last week heightened fears that there would be no early accord on the issue of agricultural subsidies. This prompted John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, to claim the Uruguay round talks were balanced on a "knife's edge", with no assur-ance of a successful outcome.

Mr Redwood's assessment of the free trade round, which the Group of Seven leaders had hoped to conclude by the end of 1991, reflected the greater uncertainty that has emerged since Christmas over the future of the talks. Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, had outlined a more optimistic scenario before Christmas, in which the final details of an accord would be worked out when the talks reconvened on January 13.

Frans Andriessen, the European commissioner for external relations, including trade, is expected to take up the Gatt issue with James Baker, the American secretary of state, and Carla Hills.

the American trade representative, in Washington today. Ray MacSharry, the European farm commissioner is also expected to contact Ed Madigan, the American agriculture secretary.

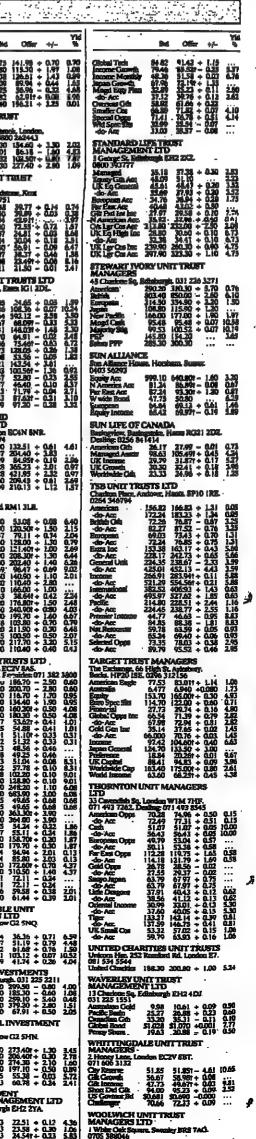
The reopening of the transatlantic dialogue coincides with President Bush's arrival in Tokyo on the final leg of his Pacific Basin tour focusing heavily on opening markets, especially Japan, to more American exports.

Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's prime minister, yesterday pledged to help America overcome its economic problems. He said everything would be done to allow more American cars to enter Japan.

Figures from the Japanese car dealers association showed imported cars totalling less than 200,000 out of overall sales of 5.7 million in 1991.



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Coal sales | AG Barr fizzes 8% higher to £4.75m chief in dispute over his future

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITISH Coal yesterday launched an advertising campaign claiming the corporation is tapping the richest seam of all — the hidden talents of our workforce".

At the same time, it emerged that the corporation is locked in a dispute with Malcolm Edwards, its outspoken commercial director, over his future.

Mr Edwards, aged 58, carns more than \$70,000 and has a contract that runs until March 1993. But his public campaign to highlight the strategic importance of indigenous coal production and willingness to float the idea of an employee buyout of British Coal appears to have brought him into conflict with Neil Clarke, the corporation's new

Mr Clarke is understood to favour a softly softly response to the threat posed to the business by the rapid shift

Engineers' shares suspended

Shares in two engineering. companies, Bromsgrove In-dustries and GW Thornton, were suspended yesterday. prompting speculation that the two companies planned a closer association.

The speculation was fuelled by the suspensions being an-nounced at the same time and in an identical form. Although the annoucements came almost four hours after the market opened both shares were suspended anchanged with Bromsgrove at 131p and GW. Thornton at

At those prices Bromsgrove is capitalised at around 156 million, more than five times the size of Thornton.

Inveresk pays: buyout debt

Inveresk, the paper-making company, has repaid over £25 million of debt taken on 14 Inveresk management bought the company from Georgia Pacific, its American parent. Some E3.3 million of mezzanine finance has been repaid, together with £22 million of senior debt.

To replace these facilities, a £20 million committed revolving credit facility has been put in place at a rate of one percentage point over Libor. The balance of the £38 million consideration paid to Georgia-Pacific was £13 million of equity, with Morgan Grenfell Development Capital the lead investor.

Jessup bullish

Alan Jessup, chairman of lessups, the car dealer, told shareholders at the annual general meeting yesterday that the company's perfor-mance for the year to date is ahead of expectations. He said this was particularly pleasing against the back-ground of reduced demand for new vehicles.

Key trusts sold The National & Provincial Building Society has bought Key Investments, the unit

million under management and 11,000 unitholders.

ed coal to fuel power generation. Last month, Mr Clarke appointed Andrew Horsler, previously joint number two

in the corporation's commer-

cial department, as director

general of marketing, report-ing direct to the chairman. British Coal hast night declined to comment on Mr Edwards' future. Sources within the corporation sug-gested that Mr Edwards had been unwilling to see through the negotiation of new con-tracts with British Coal's two biggest customers, National Power and PowerGen, the generating companies.

However, The Times understands that Mr Edwards had been determined to negofiate draft agreements. After 35 years with British Coal, Mr Edwards had made no secret of his enthusiasm for remaining involved in the coal industry whether or not the Conservatives carry through the pledge of Cecil Parkinson, former energy secretary, to make it the "ulti-mate privatisation".

Mr Edwards' solicitor. Denise Kingsmill, of DJ Free-man, said: "Mr Edwards has been sidelined. He would very much like to stay and to have his duties restored to him.

There have been no allegations made against him, save that his profile is no high Everybody's view in the industry is that he is the best man in Europe to sell coal. John Wakeham, the energy secretary, renewed Mr Edwards' contract only last

Ms Kingsmill added: "Mr Edwards has served under four previous chairmen and they all speak extremely highly of him." Ms Kingsmill said British Coal was seeking to impose restrictive covenames on Mr Edwards to pre-vent him working in the coal industry for 18 months British Coal said it could not discuss Mr Edwards situ-

ROLLS-ROYCE is to offer an

uprated version of its Tay

engine to power the new Mo-

Donnell Douglas mid-range

Textron Lycoming, Ameri-

ca's third largest aero engine maker, will be involved in-

developing the new variant

and supplying components.

The Tay 670 programme will be the first collaboration be-

tween Lycoming and Rolls-

The-memorandum of understanding agreed between Rolls-Royce and McDonnell

is a key step to ensuring Rolls engines are compatible with

the airframe McDonnell is

developing. The MD-95,

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Insurance settlement adds sparkle to result

By Jonathan Prynn

tlement of £601,000, taken above the line, helped AG Barr, the maker of the Iro-Bru and Tizer soft drink brands, to an 8 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £4.75 million for the year to

However, the underlying trading profits were down by £368,000, at £5.66 million. reflecting the impact of the poor summer weather,

which will be assembled in China, replaces McDonnell's

DC-9 aircraft if the new

plane shares the DC-9's suc-

cess, the memorandum holds

the prospect of large-scale or-ders for Rolls.

The agreement to provide engines for the MD-95 comes

just two months after Mo-

Donnell and Rolls reached a

similar deal to ensure Rolls'

Trent engine is available to

A £962,000 charge relating to the restructuring of the company's production and distribution arrangements was taken below the line as an extraordinary item. Robin Barr, the chairman, ation because the matter was in the hands of solicitors. said that consumer confi-

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dence was still "relatively fragile", although the Barr brands continued to show

keting expenditure would e in the current year. he said, adding that "we look forward to a further increase in our share of the UK soft drinks market". Mr Barr said he did not believe that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into the curbonated soft drinks market, which was published in August, would have much im-pact on the company or its

A final 4.3767p dividend makes a 5.46p payout for the year, a rise of 5 per cent.

Rolls offers engine for McDonnell jet

Orders and options for

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ice for the duration of the hostile £580 million bid for Steetley from Redland. another building materials

Both parties to the merger said the European Commission competition enquiry was entirely expected and came after lengthy submissions to Brussels on the effects of the

The commission has a month to decide if it would create an excessive concentration of the market which disadvantaged competitors. If it does, the commission can launch a longer enquiry, which could eventually result in the banning or modification of the merger.

Steetley has said in the defence document, launched at the weekend, that it will not ask shareholders to vote on the Tarmac deal during the duration of the Redland bid.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Tighter cost control boosts Platignum

THE loss of a large Iraqi pen order during the Gulf war contributed to an 11 per cent decline in sales to £8.9 million at the half-way stage at Platignum, the pen and furniture maker. However, tighter control of costs and working capital resulted in a return to profits for the six months to end September. Pre-tax profits were £192,000 compared with a

£331,000 loss for the same period in 1990.

An extraordinary £356,000 charge relates to the disposal in October of Ouvah Highfields, the group's loss-making serviced office centre subsidiary. The company said that it anticipated a further improvement in profitability despite the absence of any real upturn in the UK economy. It is considering a number of acquisition opportunities. There is once again no interim dividend on either the ordinary or the preference shares.

Soundtracs recovers

SOUNDTRACS, the USM-quoted professional audio equipment maker, has reported virtually unchanged pre-tax profits of £545,699 for the year to November 6. Sales were marginally up at £3.86 million. The final dividend is maintained at 1.35p, making an unchanged 2.2p payout for the year. The results reflect a strong second-half recovery. after interim profits fell 48 per cent to £195,000. Sales rose its production to new site in Glenrothes, Fife, leaving only central services, storage and packing at the complex in Surbiton, Surrey. The balance sheet remained strong with negative gearing at the year end.

Barlows to buy

BARLOWS, the Cheshire property group run by Nicholas Berry, has agreed to buy a Manchester office building from the Bank of England for £3.25 million. The 12-storey building adjoins the Bank's Manchester branch and has effectively been acquired freehold, as the building's lease has 174 years to run. The building is mainly let to Arthur Andersen, the accountant, which pays a net rent of just over \$200,000 a year. However, Arthur Andersen has agreed to take a new 30-year lease covering most of the building once Barlows has completed a floor-by-floor refurbishment. The Bank of England will take a long lease on the building's ground and basement floors.

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Software piracy costs Europe \$4.5bn

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

COMPANIES and individuals who copy computer programs without paying for them are costing the European soft-ware industry \$4.46 billion a year.

A survey on behalf of the Software Publishers Association (SPA) and the Business Software Alliance (BSA). two trade associations formed to fight software piracy, claims annual losses in western Europe have climbed from \$2.81 billion in 1988 to \$4.46 billion in

1990, a rise of nearly 60 per cent. The findings, based on a comparision of sales of personal computers and sales of software, mirror results published in August last year on the level of software

theft in America. Germany and Austria, where piracy, rose 125 per cent from \$489 million in 1988 to \$1.1 billion in 1990, were the biggest infringers of software copyright. Only 19 per cent of Mackintosh and 24 per cent of IBM and IBM-compatible.

software sold in the two countries is deemed to have been purchased legally. Germany and Austria are followed by France, up 90 per cent from \$418 million to \$799 million, and the Benehox countries, up 51 per cent from \$302 million to \$456 million.

In Italy, where an anti-piracy effort has been under way, a small rise of about 10 per cent was reported, with losses up from \$307 million in 1988 to \$339 million in 1990.

The United Kingdom and Ireland showed a 25 per cent rise in losses, from

director of the SPA, said: "Software piracy remains a huge international problem for the software industry. It is a problem of growing magnitutude. The increase in revenue lost to piracy alone was larger than the 1990 revenues of all

\$486 million to \$607 million. Myriam De Greef, European research

but one company in the industry."
Findings from the study, claimed to be

the most in-depth ever, might even be underplaying the true extent of software

isations claim. This is because the loss estimates are

based on the number of new personal computers sold each year and do not take into account software bought for older machines. "Assuming that some of the current

year software is sold for use on older machines, the ratio of software and hardware sold would decline, thereby reflecting a much larger estimated loss from piracy," the report says.

News of the findings comes as a settlement is expected this week in a case of alleged piracy at Mirror Group Newspapers. A statement of claim, alleging that software was not only copied illegalbut that the piracy was widespread and carried out with the knowledge of management, was filed in the High Court on December 16.

Brad Smith, of BSA, said several other British companies, and around 150 Europe-wide, were currently under investigation for suspected illegal copying.

EC looks at Steetley tie to Tarmac

THE European Commission is investigating the plan by Tarmac and Steetley to merge their building materials operations for possible breaches of Community competition law.

The link-up is formally on

power McDonnell's next big long-haul plane, the MD-12 Frank Turner, Rolls' director for civil engines, said the Tay 670 would be an ideal size for the MD-95, providing power for a low weight with good fuel efficiency and

range. It would also be excep-The Tay 670 will offer 18,000lbs of thrust, an increase of 3,000lbs over the existing Tay 650 model. which powers the Dutch Fokker 100 aircraft. Rolls already

Tay programme. Tays aiready exceed 1.800 engines. Tays have norched up over 750,000 hours since entering service in 1987.

has BMW and Volvo as col-

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raises \$60m

Wace Group, the printing group, has raised \$60 million through a private placement of medium-term senior notes with several American finan-

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cial institutions.

The proceeds will be used in refinancing short-term borrowings. One note of \$45 million is due December 1994-98 with a 8.67 per cent gross coupon, the other of \$15 million is due December 1995-2001 with a 9 per cent

Egoli slips

Egoli Consolidated Mines, the South African gold mine company, reports a net attributable profit of 2.15 million rand (£420,000) for the six months ended September, down from R2.68 million. Net asset value was 243 cents

Benson buys

Benson Group has acquired some assets and stock of Realm Engineering, the stainless steel valves maker. from the receiver for £305,000.

TT purchase

TT Group, the packaging equipment to suspended ceil ing systems group, has acquired the trading assets of BAS Aircraft and Peter Abbott for £700,000.

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STOCK MARKET

Anxious market awaits figures from retail sector

over the retail sector as the City anxiously awaited official news from leading stores groups on how well, or badly. Christmas trading had fared Opinions are mixed and

were clearly reflected in the price movements of the retailers. Ratners, the jeweller. touched 18p before rallying to close only '2p shy at 21 '2p.
There is talk that the troubled group has seen a 40 per cent drop in sales and will soon have to rationalise, which may include store closures. Gerald Ratner, the chairman, is expected to reveal more on Friday.

Kingfisher was also in the doldrums, losing 18p at 446p in the wake of yet another downgrading on Friday from Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker. There were losses for Argos, 15p to 256p, Burton Group, 2p to 37p, Great Universal Stores A, 28p to £13.84, Marks and Spencer, lp to 281p, Sears, 3p to 94p, and WH Smith A, 8p to

439p. However, Boots firmed lup to 424p, ahead of a trading statement expected later today, and Dixons fell 5p to 199p in front of halfyear figures tomorrow, expecied to show pre-tax profits down from £27 million to £18

The rest of the equity market continued to fluctuate wildly with the FT-SE 100 index posting a turnround of more than 46 points as market-makers turned to the futures market in an attempt to cover short positions follow-

ing the recent strong gains.

The March futures series was chased sharply higher, dragging the cash market with it early in the day, in the wake of strong performances in New York and Tokyo. Later, the lack of genuine invest-

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ment support left the index

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10.9 down at 2,493.2. Government securities sported gains of £14 at the longer end, despite mixed fortunes for the pound on the foreign exchange.

Speculation about the impending resignation due to ill health of Alan Jackson, chief executive of BTR, sent the shares scurrying 12p lower at

mixed, with some analysts ready to believe that the latest move was part of an escalation of the price war among food retailers. The Sainsbury share price recovered 1p of Friday's fall to close at 360p. Tesce eased 1p to 224p and William Morrison lost op at 254p. There were gains in Asda, 1p to 33p, Argyll, 3p to 277p, Icciand, 1p to 422p,

BZW is forecasting a rerating for shares of SmithKline Beecham, 3p easier at 900p. American approval for Relaten, its anti-arthritic drug, should generate peak sales of \$200 million and provide a boost just when the benefits of the merger begin to fade. The co-marketing deal with Merck is seen as positive and further similar deals may be in the

one stage before the rumours were staunchly denied. BTR shares ended the day 1p cheaper at 395p.

The latest announcement by J Sainsbury about its January price cuts created confusion in the market. On Friday, the group announced it was to make a range of "deeper" price cuts in addition to its weekly discounting of 1,000 lines. The group came back yesterday claiming the January promotion was part of its normal promotional cycle. Market reaction was

and Kwik Save Discount, 2p

to 600p. The oil sector suffered as James Capel, the broker, began downgrading its profit estimates for 1992 after reducing its oil price forecast for the current year by \$1 to \$20. Malcolm Graham-Wood, an analyst, says the depressed state of the petrochemical market and a weaker dollar have taken their toll on the oil companies.

Mr Graham-Wood has downgraded his 1992 fore-cast of historical net income

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for BP from £1.2 billion to £950 million and gives warning that the group is only likely to maintain the final quarterly dividend for 1991. Shell is another casualty where he has cut his 1992. estimate from £3.25 billion to £2.75 billion. A similar exercise has been carried out on Enterprise, down 12p at 434p. BP responded with a fall 12p to 278p and Shell slid 10p to 488p. There were also losses for Burmah, 3p to 469p, Clyde Petroleum, 2p to 75p, Goal Petroleum, 1p to 56p, Hardy Oil, 1p to 141p, and Premier Consolidated

Dilfields, 3p to 25p. The drinks sector featured prominently among the new rear share tips, leaving market-makers scrambling to cover any remaining short positions. Grand Metropolitam, which last week bought the remainder of Cincano, the Italian drinks group, advanced a further 16p to 914p. There were also gains for Bass, 12p to £10.19, Burton-wood, 4p to 132p, Scottish and Newcastle, 2p to 418p, Whitbread A, 13p to 463p, Welverhampton & Dudley, 3p to 56lp, and Guinness, p to 553p.

Steeficy responded to its defence document with a rise of 4p to 358p. However, Recland, which is offering 650 million, also jumped

13p to 451p. There were setbacks for the clearing banks. Barclays feli 9p to 364p, Lloyds, 6p to 394p, Midland, 2p to 213p, National Westminster, 15p to 270p, Royal Bank of Scotland, 1p to 163p, Bank of Scotland, 2p to 116p and Abbey National, 2p to 293p. Standard Chartered, the international banking group, climbed 11p to 433p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

German shares close mixed

Frankfurt - German shares ended a moderately quiet session mixed after gains made at the start faded on a lack of follow-through orders. The 30-share Dax index ended 0.30 points lower at 1,603.32.

Dealers said the early gains had come on the back of Wall Street's rally, but worries that the American rally was unstable, and low volume due to domestic economic fears, prevented further gains.

Michael Krick, of Berliner Bank, said: "The rise we have seen in the US is not normal. I would not be surprised if the Dow Jones index dropped 100 points again soon."

Dealers said that, even if New York did fall sharply. prices in Germany were unlikely to follow suit. They added that selling of Dax index futures, after hopes for a fur-ther Dax rise faded, had also prompted some cash market

Advancing shares were mainly second-tier stocks. Most blue chips ended little changed or lower.

Hong Kong — Share prices finished mixed in featureless trade and brokers said although investors were mostly cautious, the underlying tone was firm.

Trading was trapped in a 20-point range throughout the day and the blue chip Hang Seng index ended only points lower at

4,306.97. Brokers said morning profit-taking failed to drag prices down as selected stocks attracted bargain hunters.

Singapore — Shares closed sharply higher, with price gains led by shipyards. The 30-share Straits Times industrial index closed at 1,500.45, up 19.56 points from Friday's finish.

Early profit taking

knocks Dow off top New York — American blue prices slipped back from the day's highs but still managed

chips traded lower amid profit-taking and sell programmes after a short-lived rally that sent shares to record highs. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.7 points at 3,196.78; in midmorning trade, near its low of the session and sharply below a high of 3,213.

Analysts said underlying sentiment remained bullish. but the Dow was struggling to remain over the key psychological level of 3,200. In the broader market, ad-

vancing and declining issues were about even. One trader said: "This 3,200 level is going to be a tough level. I think you're going to see some moving back and forth around this level." Sydney — Australian share

to close ahead with healthy gains across the board.

The all-ordinaries index finished the day up 15.7 points at 1,675.1 after rising 26 points in morning trade buoyed by another record performance on Wall Street on Friday and continued; speculation of a cut in domes-

tic interest rates.
Brokers said a worse than expected November current account deficit dampened hopes of an ecoomic recovery and prompted profit-taking in the afternoon. The Novem ber unadjusted deficit reached Aus\$1.56 billion, down from Aus\$1,87 billion in October, but was above marker forecasts of between Ans\$1.2 and 1.4 billion.

WALL STREET

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 91.6

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Early surge sends Nikkei to 817 point gain

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPANESE shares jumped on come in to sell at the Nikkei's cember's disount rate cut, and coolly to all the cuphoria." the firm yen. Brokers said sentiment was good but volume was weak, with many investors afraid a short-term ceiling may be near. Trade was limited to the morning on the first day back from the new year holiday.

The 225-share Nikkei average closed up 817.41 points, or 3.56 per cent, to 23,801.18, with an estimated

180 million shares traded. One foreign broker said: "People feel the investment environ has nothing to complain about. Of most concern

Wall Street's record highs. De- 24,000 level. They're reacting The broader first section Topix index was up 48.75 points, or 2.84 per cent, to

23,80.18. The market opened stronger, with the Nikkei jumping 379.89 points above December 30's 22,983.77 close in the first 15 minutes of trade. It advanced slowly but steadily from there and closed just off

Brokers said that investors were reacting to news during the holiday period, including New York's 100-point advance and the dollar's retreat

the day's high.



Returning with a rush: dealers jockey for position on the first day back

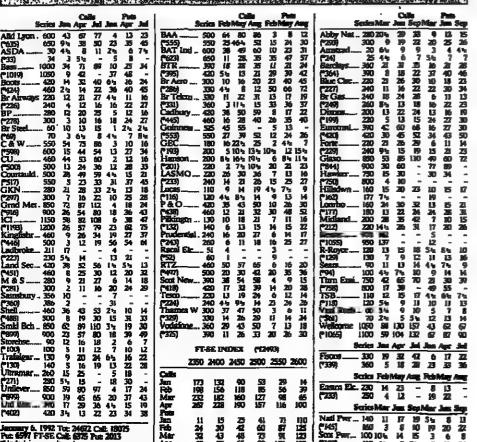
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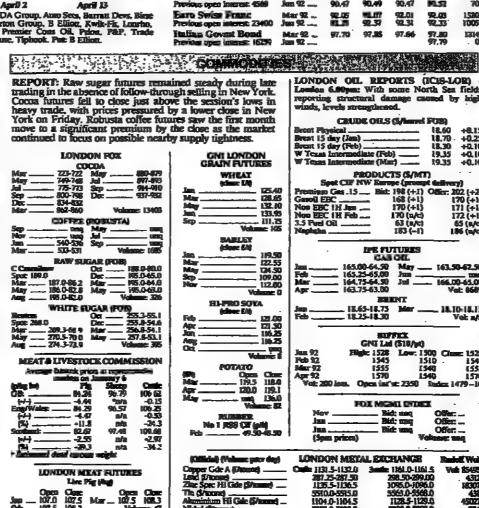
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Small firms endangered

anuary has come in with a roar, but it was only the roar of inmates greeting the receivers at Windsor Safari Park. There could hardly be a neater image of 1992 for seasonal economic pessimists. For would be visitors, things could be pessimists. For would be visitors, things could be worse. Far from heralding a diaspora of animals, the appointment of a receiver suggests that the banks think lessure spending will recover one day and that the assets of Themes International can be sold as a going concern. The latest survey of receiverships from KPMG Peat Marwick suggests that the flood tide may have reached its new postwar high water mark. The flood is not moderating because business is getting any better. The banks already facing £6.5 billion of loan losses, see few buyers for manufacturing or retail assets. They might as well hold on and try to nurse their debtors back to health, or at least some continuing life as back to health, or at least some continuing life as amputees, rather than crystallise more losses their own balance sheets can ill afford.

This would be good news, if late. Unfortunately, it seems to apply only to more substantial concerns where there are tangible assets to receive and possibly save. The banks may have recovered from their earlier panic, when many stretched but viable smaller firms were pushed out of business by having agreed overdraft limits cut on short-sighted general orders from head office. There is, however, still a noticeable difference between the receivership figures, up 56 per cent, and the much larger total numbers of business failures, including personal bankruptcies and force disturbings, which rose 65 per cent to almost 48,000 last year.

In contrast to receiverships, overall business failures accelerated from an average 130 a day during the whole of last year to 199 a day in the last quarter. Thousands more smaller businesses with a trading future could be pushed over the edge before the Budget by tax bills relating to balmier days. Both the Inland Revenue and the banks should make sure this does not happen.

Wages of Unsinn

his year's German wage round promises to be one of the toughest since the war and one which could have severe implications for the rest of Europe. Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, has already linked the level of wage settlements directly with interest rate policy later this year. Germany, according to Professor Schlesinger, stands at at an economic crossroads. If settlements exceed 5 per cent, interest rates could rise again all over Europe through the exchange-rate mechanism and would at best remain at their present high level for an uncomfortably long time. The Bundeshank seems prepared to continue its light to defend the mark against inflation, even at the cost of a par-

Union claims for pay-rises above 10 per cent and a reduction in working hours may be un-realistic, but no more than they have been during the last ten years, during which actual settlements have been reassuringly moderate. The unions therefore have a point when they accuse the government and the Bundesbank of talking the economy into recession. There are some signs that this has already happened. The German model of SCHICKLICITY UNS DIOVER SUCCESSION OVER TITLE although not necessarily in every single year. Unions need to take into account the country's rather special economic circumstances at present, but the greatest threat to the economy appears not to come from greedy workers, but from those for whom the fight against inflation has grown from a laudably consistent objective into an obsession.

High street Midas who lost his golden touch

As Gerald Ratner

fights to save his jewellery store empire, Gillian Bowditch

traces its rapid rise and sudden decline

he gilt appears to wearing thin on Britain's glitziest business, Ratners Group is banding for its corporate life this week and the City is waiting to see if Gerald Ratner, chairman and chief executive, can keep a grip on the empire he created.

. The share price is at an all-time low of 21 p. compared with 398p in October 1987. In the last year, the shares have failen from 189p. The group looks likely to breach at least one of the covenants on its banking loans; £82 million is due for repayment by this autumn; and Christmas 1991 was the worst the

group has ever experienced.

Mr Ramer has always been a showman and he is currently walking a tightrope and juggling half a dozen balls. From a speciator's position there appears to be no safety net, but it would be wrong to write him off just yet. More than anything else, Gerald Ramer enjoys

surprising people.

Some in the City were surprised by the pace at which he expanded and that, until now, he had ridden out the recession better than competition. The catastrophe in the business has been sudden and deadly. In the year to January 1991. Ratners reported pre-tax profits of £112 million, up 3.5 per cent. For the year just about to end, James Capel is predicting a loss of £35 million.

The writing was on the wall last year when costs started to get out of control. They accelerated at 20 per cent while some store sales in the main UK businesses grew just over 10 per cent. At the same time, the sion took its toll.

In 1991, according to Verdict, the market research group, jewellery was the worst performing retail sec-tor. Ratners, with 30 per cent of the UK market suffered more than most. Nor was any comfort to be gained from the group's US business. The recession on the other side of the Atlantic was, if anything, worse than in the UK. There, by the demise of Zales, the largest American jewellery group, which in

siashed 30 per cent off prices. However, the issue that may prove to be the final nail in the Ratners' coffin was a speech Mr Ratner made to the Institute of Directors on April 23. As the last speaker of the day, he

decided to liven up the proceedings.

The jokes were all ones he had for less than the price of a prawn sandwich but probably do not last as long; the cut-glass sherry decanter set for £4.95 that Mr Ramer lightheartedly described as "total crap". The remark was much misquoted, but the damage was done. The remarks were made to

heard them before. By the next day, the tabloid headlines were screaming "Rotner" and sales at the main Ramers chain started to slump.

On its own, the damage done by the speech could have been con-tained. Coupled with the recession and the fact that Mr Rainer's credibility in the City had been damaged by a series of expensive acquisitions funded by paper, it brought the company to its knees.

The creation of Ratners Group epitomises the spirit of British business in the Eighties. After leaving school, Mr Ramer joined the family business, started in 1949 by Leslie Ramer, his father. By the time Gerald joined, there

were 35 Ratners shops. He claims that if he had not been the boss's son he would have been fired, but by 1982, he had risen from his job as message boy to become joint managing director along with his father - although it was not a successful power and there were rows. When his father left for a trip to America. Mr Rainer effectively seized control of the business, taking it down market. The first of the ubiquitous red sale posters appeared in shop windows proclaiming that all watches were reduced. Sales started to

take off. Mr Ratner has described lost no time launching the business on an aggressive acquisition-driven

Several small purchases were succeeded by the deal that put Ramers on the map, the £150 million acquisition of H Samuel, the largest British jewellery chain, in May 1986. The deal tripled the number of Ratners stores to over 600.

here was no holding the group back. H Samuel had barely been digested when Mr Ratner bid £340 million for Combined English Stores. He lost the bid but simultaneously asked shareholders for £81 million. Ernest Jones with 61 stores was added and at the same time, Mr Ratner clinched the £126 million acquisition of Sterling stores, the America:

The American deal presented a problem from which most chief executives would have flinched. The group needed a second rights issue in two months, this time for £122 million. The July 1987 rights issue was launched before shareholders had to decide whether or not they intended to support the May rights

The deal upset institutions who felt Ratners was issuing too much paper. The group's market capitalisation between 1985 and 1987 rose from £15 million to £575 million.

The next upset came when Mr Ratner told shareholders in September 1987 that he would not be issuing any more paper. A month later, he acquired 440 Zales and Salisbury outlets in the UK from Next for £135 million. The deal came gift wrapped in a £80 million one-for-four rights issue. The market was not amused and the issue

flopped.

However, the deal that upset the City most was the 1990 acquisition of Kay Jeweler in America for £234 million. Analysts believed Ratners was paying too much and the growth necessary to prevent earning dilution would not follow.

Mr Ramer has kept his institutheir seats over the last seven years. but despite much grumbling, they have continued to back him. Mr Ratner's credibility account in the City has run dry, however, and there are those who believe a less exciting management style is what Ratners Group needs for the Nineties.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Ratner's fortune goes into freefall

The fall in the Ratners share price, which has seen the value of the group drop from to £54 million today, has had a devastating effect on the personal wealth of Gerald Rainer, the group's chairman and chief executive.

His shareholding in Ratners is currently worth only £174,000, hav-ing been worth £1.5 million at the time he made his fateful speech to the Institute of Directors in April. His 1.16 million share options are likely to be worthless with the shares at their current level.

Mr Ratner's salary of £615.953 is on the high side for a British boss and is likely to fall in the current year, especially if he yields to pressure and appoints a non-executive chairman, something the institutional shareholders have been pushing for, but which he has so far

In addition to a town house in London's exclusive Mayfair, just a stone's throw from Ratners Group's plush British headquarters, Mr Rat-Maidenhead, Berkshire, where he lives with Moira, his second wife, and his son and daughter. His two daughters from his former marriage

He drives a Mercedes sports car and has a chauffeur-driven Bentley for visiting his shops. Mr Ratner presents a totally different image from that of his shops. He wears dark Savile Row suits, crisp white shirts and Hermès ties. His Cartier watch is more than 20 years old and he wears no wedding ring.

His main indulgence is his taste in paintings which he buys at auction. He has a penchant for late 19th century Scandinavian pictures. An oil painting of one of Napoleon's generals dominates his vast office. hich is luxuriously furnished.

for grabbing opportunities, a practice which, in part, is responsible for his current predicament. He is known for his lack of fear and has been described as reckless, but he also has a lively sense of humour.

n an interview with The Times 18 months ago, he said he was driven by the fact that he hates to lose. "I take it personally. If I make the right decisions I'll do better than my competitors," he said. "Whether we beat the City's profit forecasts or not doesn't make much difference to my finances but it does make a lot of difference to my ego and my pride. There it is in one

His faux pas at last year's IoD conference has affected him badly. Every time I see reference to it in the press, it crucifies me," he said.

the group indefinitely. "I'd like to retire quite young," he told The Times. "There will be a time in this business when the qualities that I have won't be the right ones. I hope that someone does to me what I did to my father. I'd love it if my

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. Dancing to a new tune

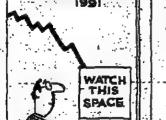
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WHILE highly paid business executives across the country debate the differences between recession and depression, and discuss whether the economy has "bottomed out". or is now entering a "double dip", in Battersea, southwest London, a lone businessman has quietly salvaged an org-anisation of national significance. David Watchman, who, just over a year ago became chief executive of the Royal Academy of Dancing, has numed it round from a deficit of £370,000 in 1989-90, to a surplus of £12,000 its first surplus for four years. Watchman, aged 54, who describes himself as a marketing man, and who previously worked in property, textiles and commercial radio - he remains a non-executive director of Mors, the quoted French electronics firm, and Wesgo, Australia's most profitable radio stations group has brought about the transformation by imposing tight financial controls, a proper management structure and boosting income. He has done it all without any help from public funds. The Academy, which trains ballet teachers, monitors standards and issues certificates, has persuaded Watchman to sign a five-year service contract. "I had expected the job to last about 12 months but I'm enjoying it so much that I've just signed a new contract," Watchman says: His next move will be to launch an appeal to wipe out £800,000 of debt. From the City Diary. in recognition of his valiant efforts, a magnum of Krug

Grande Cuvec ...



SIGN on a noticeboard on a university campus in Pretoria, South Africa: "This board is reserved for missionary work only. Trespassers will be converted."

Family help MIKE Walker, the former Hill Samuel financier who this month celebrates his first anniversary at Gresham Trust, a venture capital firm. helped line up the last management buyout of 1991 and even Mrs Thatcher may benefit. Walker, a director of Gresham Trust, was telephoned by his brother, Andy. a director of Courtaultis Textiles, to ask Gresham to help with the buyout of John Hampden Press, Courtaulds printing and packaging sub-sidiary. The £2.7 million deal was clinched at hunchtime on New Year's eve, even though Mike was forced to stand aside at an early stage because of a possible conflict of interest. Mike, aged 38, joined TSB from County Bank in 1986 to establish a development capital arm and switched to Hill Samuel when it was bought by TSB in October 1987. The connec-

tion: with Thatcher? John Hampden. Mike explains. makes the packaging for Marks and Spencer's underwear range, popular with our

Costly tome A SWISS company has pulled off something of a

coup in Japan: it is publishing the first English language listing of major Japanese businesses. With the businesses numbering about 110,000, the listing runs to five volumes and will also be available on an on-line basis through Dialog, the American database distributor. In the first volume, Haruo Kozuka, the publisher's Japanese representative, refers to international criticism of Japan "for keeping its doors closed from the outside world in business practices. There are a number of invisible trade barriers preventing foreigners from doing business in Japan. A basic hindrance is the language - Japanese." He fails to mention, however, that an enduring hindrance could be price. The new directory will sell for Y125,000 (E540) plus

Mint conditions IT MAY be of little consolation to the nation's retailers. but they might like to know. nevertheless, that the Royal Mint found conditions at Christmas equally as tough. It advertised a series of 22ct coins from its 1991 gold sovereign collection as "beautiful presents that can be treasured for many Christmases to come", and produced 1,500 four-coin sets costing El 175 each and 2,500 three-coin sets at £510

the Mint said, but clearly not limited enough. A disappointed Royal Mint spokesman admits that it still has "several hundreds left". Exactly how many hundreds he is not prepared to say. "We didn't sell out the 1990 set either," the spokesman adds. Unlike the retailers, however, January sale. "No, there isn't going to be a sale of the left-

each. "Very limited issues",

GERMAN over-efficiency? According to Germany's Association of Taxpayers, which oublishes an annual "black book of government waste, officials there spent DM100,000 £35,000) on building a small bridge across the river Blies, believing that the land to be accessed was in southwest Germany. They discovered later that it was actually in northeast France.

Escape route GERALD Ratner, the jewel-

lery firm boss, was kind enough to spare a couple of minutes yesterday for pressmen who had gathered out-side his headquarters in Stranon Street, Maylair, in the hope of discovering the ourcome of a board meeting. However, pinning him down in the future may prove more difficult. A notice attached to the railings outside his office reads: "London and Edinburgh Trust is applying to the Westminster City Council for planning permission to install on (sic) Means of Escape route over the roof of 15 Stratton Street with associated wire safety lines."

CAROL LEONARD | that, but my statement tells

Lloyds acts on public letter

From Mr John Warner Sir, Following the publication of my letter (November 29) regarding the sudden ending of charges relief on our current account we have received two letters of apology from Lloyds Bank for their "unforgivable mistake" and the relief has been reinstated.

You may recall that I had previously written to the bank twice without effect, but a simple letter to you produced

It is obviously not possible for you to fill your columns with letters of complaint about the treatment of customers by the banks, nor should it be necessary.

However, I am grateful that through your good offices we have received satis-faction and can only hope that Lloyds will check that no other customer has been incorrectly treated without further prompting. Thanking Yours faithfully, JOHN WARNER.

Director, Bois Properties Ltd. Courtlands. 40 Copperkins Lane, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Bank interest

From Mr Barry I. Lewis Sir, Sable M Fanshawe in her letter (January 2) is asking why the banks do not give details of interest on their statements. But they do, at least if you bank with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Whenever my account is debited with interest the statement shows the rate expressed as the percentage over the bank's base rate. which is also shown. Not only

TSB and the long-suffering shareholders

ratepayers' money.

April 25, 1988).

eign bank BCCl, based in the

No public company had a

more comfortable birth than

the TSB, with net assets said

to be £874 million topped up

over over £159 million per

year (Newcastle Journal.

Freedberg gives the impression that there was faultless

logic in the purchase of Hill

Samuel for £777 million, it

was a monumental blunder.

It was compounded by TSB's

failure to adjust their bid

downwards following the

obtainable at off-licences of

which there are none locally. I

could save a lot were I to take

my Rolls across the Channel,

but I would never risk myself,

my passengers and my old

car in darkest Europe where

they drive on the wrong side

Although the article on Mr

From Mr N. S. Smith Sir, The long-suffering TSB shareholders are again being Middle East, to entrust their softened up by the article on Hugh Freedberg, the head of Hill Samuel (December 31). It is suggested that Hill Samby the issue of £1.5 billion of shares and annual profits

uel has made a loss on the year of £400 million. For the year ended October 31, 1990 the loss was only £40 million. It will be interesting to learn how the ten-fold increase has developed in one year. The suggestion is that there has been heavy exposure to Brent Walker. It is almost as difficult to understand how Hill Samuel got involved with this outfit as it was for obscure local authorities to find a for-

Share perks

From Mr Denis Pirrie Sir, I was interested to read the article on give-aways for shareholders (Buy the shares and see the world, January 3) because I have for some time wondered how such gifts are justified. I am an old man and own a few shares. I am offered 10 per cent discount to stay in hotels I do not want to visit or spend in sorts of shops on equipment 1 have forgotten how to use. Another firm offers me £1 or £2 off bottles of wine and spirits

me the total monthly credits

and debits. These statements

are much more informative

than those produced by my

previous bankers, one of

which used to be known as

the "big four". Presumably

this information can also be

given on statements of depos-

it accounts as suggested by

Sable M. Fanshawe,

BARRY I. LEWIS,

Green Lane, Tilford,

Nr Farnham, Surrey.

Yours faithfully.

Uplands.

of the road, For each shareholder who can use such facilities there must be dozens or hundreds of individual and corporate shareholders who I suppose that, as usual, such schemes are popular

with the directors who conceived them and who are stock market crash on October 19, 1987, when the London market fell by 15 per cent. Even the present chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison. has said "TSB paid too much for Hill Samuel". (The Times, September 2, 1991).
This is not the only difficul-

ty for TSB, there was the loss of £76 million on the swap options with local authorities. No doubt the next problem to be revealed will be loss on the mortgage and estate agency business Yours faithfully, STAN SMITH.

19 Cleaside Avenue, South Shields. Tyne & Wear.

most likely to benefit from these probably illegal handouts, while the "silent majority" would prefer a larger dividend or learn that the money was to be spent usefully on staff training.

Of course, if there were a firm of undertakers who would offer me a discount on my own funeral I might consider buying a few shares. Yours faithfully, D. PIRRIE,

Flat 3. 14 Grange Gardens. Eastbourne.

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Danger lurks

underground

owner in Britain. It is the

risk that the house may be built on land that will be

registered as contaminated.

by an obscure provision in the Environmental Protec-tion Act 1990. How many

of the "bombs" go off de-

pends on the eventual regulations that will specify what is contaminated land.

If the government's consultation paper is anything to go by, many house

owners may find themselves with unsaleable and worth-

less properties.

The laudable aim of the

government was to have public registers of contami-

nated land maintained by

local authorities. A report

by the House of Commons environmental select com-mittee in 1989-90 had re-

commended such registers

purchasers, and the govern-ment implemented the pro-posal quickly by intro-ducing an extra section at

the Lords committee stage

of the Environmental Pro-

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The doubt was created



Money worries? Let us help

previously consisted of letters threatening the suspension of credit facilities and, for the worst cases, legal action and reposses-sions. Several financial institutions are now adopting a more imagina-tive approach to the problem. They are offering their customers debt counselling helplines.

Europ Assistance, which provides 24-hour counselling services to the customers of a number of organisations, including The Mortgage Corporation and the Halifax Building Society, believes it is only a matter of time before debt counselling becomes an established part of many financial products.

"It is in everybody's interest," says. Hugh McMurray, the legal services head at Europ Assistance. "The borrower receives the practical and

Lenders are scrapping nasty letters and using counsellors to advise customers on debts. Keith Conlon reports

legal advice he needs to manage his financial difficulties before they get out of hand, and the lender can control its debts and present a more sympathetic face to its customers. and this helps to cement long-term

"Unless people have an independent source they can turn to for advice, they will simply bury their heads in the sand until it is too late." Europ Assistance has been flooded with calls since starting its debt counselling service in April last year. Most people's problems stem from redundancy, although high interest rates, divorce and imprudent purchases also play their part.

The company's lawyers and counsellors explain to the callers how to structure a repayment proposal that should satisfy the lender in the light of the individual's income and expenses. They also advise them on their social security entitlements and legal obligations.

"Most people do not realise they. have legal rights, particularly under the Consumer Credit Act." Mr McMurray says. They miss a few payments, receive a letter from the company demanding the return of the goods, and panic. Often they do not need to. If they have paid a certain number of instalments, the goods are protected and they can

as had as they think."

Although debt counselling may be an established method, it is only the counsellors is treated in confi-

development manager at The Mort-gage Corporation, believes this is Mr Palmer says: "The service must be independent. Many of our customers have said they would not have contacted us until the last moment if they had not had some-body they could talk to in confidence

dence and is not passed on to the

lender. Julian Palmer, the customer

"As it is, more and more of our customers are contacting us with sound repayment proposals. In fact, half these people are not in arrears but expect problems further down line. This puts us in a much

suggest alternative products to carry them through. Often things are not

one aspect of the help available. Companies such as Europ Assistance offer an ever-widening range of services, including redundancy, bereavement and stress counselling. These services are being sold to corporations, which offer them to their employees to help to raise productivity.

There is concern, however, that the quality of the advice and counselling may not always meet the standards required. Some com-panies without legal expense and experience are trying to muscle in on the market. An ombudsman system may be necessary. In the meantime, keep a close eye on your finances

In announcing the mea-sure, David Trippier, the environment minister, said: "I want to ensure that we avoid extending planning blight in those areas of the country with a legacy of in-dustrial land use." Section 143 of the act allows the secretary of state to make regulations speci-

BRIEF PATRICK

STEVENS

government has issued a The proposal is that the consultation paper setting. out its proposals, which in many respects go much further than many professionals consider practical. The main problem is with the list of contamigood security for a loan. native uses, which, although comprehensive,

contaminants and ones of no practical significance. Thus, a spoil heap of radioactive waste will be treated in the same way as land beside an old coal mine impregnated with coal dust. Furthermore, no account is taken of the degree of

does not distinguish be-

contamination in every class of use. As well as obvious contaminative uses such as asbestos works, there are less apparent ones such as railway marshalling yards, electricity substations and

research laboratories. Clearly, whether a laboratory site is contaminated or not depends on what has gone on in the laboratory. There might be difficulties in selling houses in Germ Warfare Drive but fewer problems in Electronic Research Close. The con-

A TIME bomb is ticking away under every house sultation paper appreciates that the register may cause problems. With understatement, it says: "A register entry indicating possible contamination may cause the value of a site . . . to fall, or in extreme cases may make sale impossible.

> Desoite the potential disaster for the owner of a house or site in finding that the land is on the register, the scheme as proposed will merely list possibly contaminated sites without any investigation into whether they are contaminated or not. The reason given is cost. The estimated cost of investigating just the 40,000 hectares identified in the 1988 Derelict Land Survey is £600, whereas the cost of compiling the registers is estimated by the government to be only £35,000 to £40,000 for every local **Buthority**.

better than none at all, but how will such a register work in practice? Some of the old metal-bashing and Country, for example, will have almost all land registered as contaminated. There is a danger that familiarity will breed con-

areas and that developers and purchasers will not bother assess

contamination is dangerous to life or not in rural areas contaminated land, the opposite is likely to happen and housing es-19th-century

local authorities begin compiling the registers on April I this year. It will be a brave surveyor indeed who will advise a lender that a house on a contaminated site is

The consultation paper envisages that site owners will have to prove their contamination at their own expense. This cost was considered unacceptable to central government and local authorities and will be an impossible burden for in-

dividual house owners. At the very least, the government should require the register to record likely degrees of contamination. The hardship victims would be mainly the people at the bottom of the property ladder who can least afford reports by experts on the

chemicals in their gardens. A register of contaminated land is worthwhile, and important enough to be compiled in a systematic and fair way and not on the cheap. The property market is depressed enough without being made any worse. . The author is a practising

Witnesses can hide their lying eyes

from a speaker's manner. The idea that liars are transparent often stems from wishful thinking and concelt about being "a goodjudge of men".

In criminal courts, jurous and magistrates traditionally assess credibility from a witness's "demeanour". The number of lies in testimony outnumber serious errors, and to believe a lie or reject the truth, may lead to injustice. Dubious ways of assessing credibility should not go unquestioned. Are there really signs of lying? If so, what are they? If a truthful? What is the basis of judging demeanour?

Demeanour covers visible behaviour, marmer and appearance, often called "body language", and the vocal features of testimony. judges of liars

in court, says Marcus Stone

Fixed attributes such as sex, age, build and hair colour are not clues to veracity.
Emotionally aroused involuntary processes such as
blushing pallor, perspiring
and many facial expressions cannot be faked. Several forms may be present in temper, fainting or crying.

Voluntary types of self-expression such as posture, gesture and facial expression or ways of using the voice may be spontaneous or simulated. So genuine displays must be distinguished from

Medical science cannot even conceive of specific ly-ing processes in a brain or

People are poor their physiological links with demeanour. After 25 years' United States, Professo Paul Ekman, an expert in this branch of psychology, found there are no signs. gestures or facial expressions that reveal that a speaker is lying. Few people, contrary to myth, can detect lying or false expressions. Professor Ekman showed that most liars can deceive most people

most of the time. Indaily life, the expression of emotions can offer clues to sincerity in favourable conditions, including a known speaker's changed manner, freer reactions than in court, and discernible minor changes in a nearby speaker. The context is

Court conditions hinder edgment of demeanour. Courts do not know the witnesses, who may be too



Blind justice: judges and juries are no more reliable than a lie detector test

distant for close observation. Courts inhibit witnesses and impede self-expression. Typically, edited testimony is obtained by controlled inter-rogation, which often re-stricts witnesses to brief. even monosyllabic, answers. Common misconceptions

are that liars betray themselves by anxiety signs such as averted eyes, pallor, perspiration, tremots or a quavering voice, and that truthful witnesses are calm. In fact, lying witnesses may be calm and truthful witnesses may be anxious. Witnesses vary. Honesi

witnesses may be anxious by nature or fearful of cross-examination. Where some liars would be devastated. the relaxed manner of others may arise from genuine indifference or skilful pretence. Some good liars enjoy fencing with cross-examiners in the limelight, confident of escaping exposure. Believ-ing relaxed witnesses or disbelieving auxious ones, on

One distinguished judge, Lord Devlin, doubts the significance of demeanour and his ability to assess

the sole basis of manner, is

the opportunity it [the trial] gives to the judge to tell from ness whether or not he is telling the truth.
"I think that this is over-

credibility: "The great vir-

tue... is usually said to be

rated... It is the tableau that constitutes the big advantage, the text with illustrations, rather than the demeanour of a particular

• Marcus Stone, the Sheriff of Lothian and Borders at Linlith gow, is the author of Cross-examination in Criminal Trials

An easier burden

SIR Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney-General, has called for a new statutory duty on the prosecution to disclose to the defence, before trial, all the unused material that it possesses. He also proposes a right for the defence to demand disclosure of material relevant to specific aspects

The proposals, to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, would mean a less onerous burden on the prosecution than now. The prosecution would not have to disclose the wide range of material required by recent court rulings. Sir Patrick says the interpretation recently placed by courts on the existing guidelines on disclosure is often impossible to comply with, creates an "unacceptable burden", and slows preparation of criminal cases.

Fair start

WITH one month to go, firms of all kinds have signed up for the 1992 Law Fair. At the fair students have the chance of making themsleves known to a wide range of employers, which include big league names such as Slaughter and May, Baker & McKenzie and Herbert Smith, and smaller firms such as Wallace & Partners. Compton Carr and Middleton Ports. One of the biggest dim view of employees who former chairman of Polly

draws at the fair, which is organised by London University's careers advisory service and sponsored by The Times, The Law Society, the Bar and the Institute of Legal Executives, is expected to be the European Commission. which wants to boost the

numbers of graduates it takes from Britain. As competition for places on Law Society finals courses continues, many polytechnics that now offer the course, as well as the College of Law, will host

Present danger

BEWARE of Christmas gifts received from grateful clients. Your employer could confiscate them and sack you on the ground that accepting a gift is a fundamental breach of contract. Courts and industrial tribunals may regard it as justifying instant dismissal. The warning comes from Gillian Howard. a law consultant, in an article in The Law Society's Gazette. A firm's partners can enjoy

the odd case of champagne, opera tickets and lunch at the Ritz, but employees are not so lucky. Any goods, presents or former Guinness chief execu-money received for services tive found himself on legal aid rendered during work may be seized by the employer. charger Pannone March Ms Howard adds: While Pearson is taking over the

take advantage of their position and enhance their salaries by offering or receiving gifts, bribes and the like, employers are still expected to any decision whether or not to Whether



actitivies amount to gross misconduct will normally depend on whether the employer has spelt this out either in the contract of employment, staff handbook, rules or procedures, she says.

Nadir defenders

THE Manchester law firm that came to the rescue of Ernest Saunders when the has again mounted a white the tribunals have taken a defence of Asil Nadir, the

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Peck: International, in civil and criminal proceedings. previously being handled by the firms of S.J. Berwin & Co and Vizards. Mr Nadir had been advised that the two sets of

proceedings would be better handled by one firm. Pannone March Pearson has appointed Anthony Scrivener, QC. last year's chairman of the Bar, as "coordinating ceedings. S.J. Berwin & Co had indicated it might not be able to continue to act if third parties ceased to finance Mr

Rodger Pannone says: "It does appear that on the available evidence Mr Nadir has a full answer to the accusations he faces."

Pannone March Pearson is able to act for Mr Nadir on legal aid basis if necessary. The firm has lower overheads than London firms and salaries at two-thirds of those paid in London, yet, Mr Pannone says, it is able to provide a comparable service. "This is not a selling point, it is a fact." he adds. "We did Saunders's case and we are stili alive."

. The criminal proceedings are due to be transferred to the crown court next month but the trial is not likely to start for several months. The civil proceedings have begun.

Pension power IN the wake of the Maxwell

financial disclosures, employers are rushing out statements from their pensions specialists perhaps in the hope of grabbing some of the limelight. Cameron Markby Hewitt is seeking government support for a nationwide survey into the extent of fraud within pension funds.

Sean Band, the head of the firm's pensions unit, says that in condemning the investment practices of the Mirror Group Newspapers pension funds, commentators are overlooking the need for tighter controls.

The Mirror case highlights weaknesses such as inadequate internal and regulatory controls, and the inability of bodies such as the Superannuation Funds Office or Occupational Pensions Board to intervene. Clive Boxer. of Fishburn Boxer & Co, claims the affair highlights the need for more lawyers and fewer accountants at the head of big industrial concerns.

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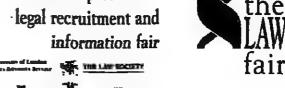
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Why Britain cannot ignore jail shame

The government disagrees with a Council of Europe report that describes conditions in some of our prisons as 'inhuman and degrading' Rod Morgan and Malcolm Evans

implications of the condemnation

he Council of Europe report that described some British prison condegrading" was widely expected to be a political embarrassment for the government. But how damaging was it really, and how ade: quate was the government's response, released last month at

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the same time as the report?

The findings were made by the the delegate European Comminee for the five CPT in Prevention of Tortuse and Inheaded by human or Degrading Treatment in preside or Punishment (CPT), after it committee inspected five prisons and five 12 days. police stations, in the London and Leeds areas, in August 1990...

the European convention of the confidential, so same name, known as the "torture convention", which aims to encourage observance of Article 3. However, the first two countries to of the European Convention for be visited, Austria and Denmark.

shall be subject to torture or Inhuman or degrading treatment.
Whereas the ECHR provides mechanisms for investigation of alleged breaches, and a determination of whether a breach has occurred, the "torture convention", which came into force in with states to help them to end unacceptable practices.

examine the findings and the Each of the 20 Council of Europe member states that have ranified the torture convention is entitled to nominate a member of the CPT. The states are then liable to be visited by the CPT, at short notice, in order to inspect any place of determion. The CPT

selects countries by lot and the United Kingdom was the third five CPT members. headed by the Ital-ian president of the committee, lasted

Its report, sent to the government

the Protection of Fundamental had both opted for publication.
Rights and Freedoms (ECHR) and the contents of the UK report The article says that nobody had already been leaked to the press (The Times, October 21, 1991). It would have been unwise for the government to hold off any longer, so the report was made public on December 12.

A great deal in the report is positive. This goes beyond the fact that the CPT found no evidence of torture. The committee was clearly impressed by most of what it



Rooftop protest: prisoners at Strangeways, Manchester, protesting about conditions in 1990

Britain's Holloway prison in north London received a clean bill of health; some aspects there were found to be "excellent" or "impressive". Bullwood Hall, the other prison for women visited, gets fewer commendations and one or two criticisms, but they are not

Finally, several general aspects country visited. The inspection by of our prison system received the

> Inspectors found overcrowding, lack of integral sanitation and the absence of out-of-cell activities'

ment was not obliged to publish it. CPT's seal of approval. The report says Britain's complaints system "in principle very good". The adjudications system is judged "satisfactory". The boards of visitors are described as a "very important safeguard" and the reports of the Chief Inspector of Prisons are said to be "invariably of outstanding quality".

The other side of the coin.

however, is the carefully constructed criticism of some conditions in Brixton, Wandsworth and Leeds prisons, which are

The CPT has adopted a cumulative view of adverse conditions. Thus, particular conditions that might not in themselves be inhuman and degrading beothers. This is what is referred to in American prisoners' rights suits as the "totality of conditions".

The building that led the CPT to of which the worst case was three pris-

oners occupying cells designed for nate in a pot without privacy within a confined space in front of cell mates); and the

absence of out-of-cell activities (cell confinement for up to 22 hours a If all three of these features coexisted then the result, the CPT argued, is inhuman and degrad-

ing treatment. In its response, however, the government disagrees, although it regrets all the features described and argues that it is doing everything possible to Does it matter whether the term

"inhuman and degrading" is conceded or not? The answer clearly is yes. The tegm was not used in the

trian and Danish reports, or elsewhere in the report on the UK. This is not only a "first" for the CPT, but implies that the conditions found breach Article 3 of the ECHR.

The significance of this is that these conditions have been repeat-edly and robustly criticised by the Chief Inspector of Prisons, have found in many local prisons, though not necessarily in those that the CPT visited. Should the prison population continue to rise, those conditions might persist for

ad the government con-coded the description that the CPT used, which the Chief Inspector would almost certainly endorse, and with which most prison officers and governors would agree, it would have opened the floodgates to petitions under

ECHR machinery.
As it is, the CPT pronouncement will itself probably stimulate a trickle of actions.

■ Rod Morgan and Malcolm Evans are respectively the professor of crim-inal justice and a lecturer in law at Bristol University. Mr Morgan was the assessor to Lord Justice Woolf's Inquiry into the Prison Disturbances April 1990

New act to boost business appeal

Firms are finding creative ways of raising their commercial profiles

ondon law firms have not had the best of years, but this has not prevented them from finding tresh approaches to their work and to their clients. One of those that impresses by their willingness to invest for the future is Cameron Markby Hewitt (CMH), the first London law firm to win a national training award.

CMH's appointment as person-nel director of Roy Lecky-Thompson, who has a background in industrial management, acknowledges that much good practice developed in the outside world

could be useful for law firms.

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Also on the education front, law

firms have shown growing in-terest in sponsoring academic posts. The widespread concern among lawyers at the quality of legal education in universities and polytechnics has created a fund of goodwill towards this kind of sponsorship.
For example, S.J. Berwin & Co.,

is to be commended for its bene-

is to be commended for its bene-faction to Cambridge University of the chair of corporate law in memory of Stanley Berwin, the firm's founder.

Christopher Haan, a senior partner, says: "Stanley Berwin's aim in founding the firm was to create a new kind of City practice, one distinguished by its entrepreone distinguished by its entrepre-neurial flair and creative ap-

proach to corporate law."

The first S.J. Berwin professor is Dr Len Sealy, a fellow of Gonville and Caius College and a consultant on company law for the Institute of Directors.

Sponsorship of another kind comes from Turner Kenneth Brown (TKB), whose backing of the Trestle theatre company strikes me as the most entertaining and bold of any sponsorship by a law firm in London. Trestle specialises in masked perfor-mances and its avant-garde appearance would put off most sponsors. For TKB to have adopted Trestle and nurtured it to its present success is a tribute to the firm's lack of stuffiness.

kind has been shown by the Scot-tish firm of Bird Semple Fyfe Ireland, which has introduced a service called AgeCare to provide a complete legal and financial facility for old people. AgeCare offers a telephone help line and a computerised register with details of private home support services, such as home helps and nursing agencies.

Lawyers north of the border have always taken a broad view of their role and maybe it needed Scottish canniness to see the potential of such a service for the growing numbers of the elderly.

Among the largest firms in London, the most interesting stories have tended to come from the opening of offices abroad. They number too many to men-tion individually but Nabarro



Nathanson deserves to be singled out for opening an office in the wilds of both Eastern Europe and eastern England. By being one of the first law firms in Warsaw, it hopes to make lots of zlotys, but by opening an office in Hull, it has set more tongues wagging than at any time since it absorbed British Coal's lawyers based in Don-caster. As a prominent West End firm, Nabarro is to be praised for doing the unconventional.

Despite the recession there seem to be signs that lawyers' prospects in London this year will be better than last. The year 1991 may go down as the time when the legal profession sobered up after the long party of the 1980s. But London lawyers still clearly have a zest for life.

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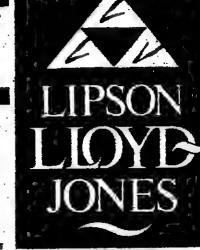
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f anicled clerks were blem on by London firms during the boom years, and it is these firms, of course, which have been hit hardest ov the recession. As a result, many malifieds are now movi

to jobs in the provinces.
Candidates most in demand are:
the 2-4 year qualified litigators,
especially those with experience in
insurance work, insolvency, personal injury, construction, indicate & tensor, and intellectual property. Outside London, there is a continuing demand for mose experienced in such recessionproof areas as crime, matrimonial and general High Street work. Another theme to einerge dur

1991 is the extraordinary appeal of solicitors who can guarantee a client following. The field of specialisation is immaterial: whether they are conveyancers, commercial lawyers or litigators, their following will ensure their marketability. Michael Chambiers

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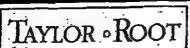
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The scientists who help to make treatment work

dvances in modern medicine would not be possible without the men and women behind the technology in magnetic resonance imaging, gamma cameras, in-cubators and artificial heart valves. All these come within the area of medical physics.

The medical physicist is a physics graduate — first-class or second-class honours — who then does further training at a teaching hospital and combines postgraduate studies, M.Sc. or Ph.D., with work practice. An essential member of hospital staff, the medical physicist collaborates closely with doctors, and by research, contrib-utes to the development of improved techniques.

Professor Richard Wootton, the director of medical physics at Hammersmith Hospital and Royal Postgraduate Medical School, says: "Medical physics includes radiotherapy, engineering and computing, which is interesting because the technology is always

At the junior grade at Hammersmith, a physicist expects to spend a period in every section — radiotherapy, nuclear medicine and radiation protection.

Professor Wootton's department consists of university staff and hospital staff. He encourages an exchange of practice and research. The first heart-and-lung machine and the first renal dialysis ma-

Physicists aim to improve medical techniques. Bernardine Coverley reports on science's unsung heroes

Danny McCool, who is 29, enjoys the mix of science, computing and patient contact. "With kidney

transplant patients," he says, "we

use nuclear tomography to see

from the inside what is happening. Then those images are pro-cessed to produce graphs."

Magnetic resonance imagining

All the machines must be

is another way to produce pictures

of the soft tissues inside the body.

checked regularly to ensure they are correctly calibrated. New dev-

elopments and refinements must

London for the challenge of "re-

doctor the treatment plan for a young woman's spinal tumour.

They look at a transverse section

on the monitor. "It is so important

to work out a radiation treatment

so nearby areas are not affected,"

Fifteen pictures have been fed

into the computer to provide

Today she discusses with the

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she says.

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pleted a physics degree

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nic, then moved to

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chine were built at the Hammersmith. However, recruitment can be a problem, partly because the NHS is undergoing changes. The radiotherapy section at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, north London, for example, has two posts unfilled between junior grade and head of section. This is not uncommon, even though some regional health authorities are empowered to pay 20 per cent above standard rates. The medical physicist's low profile and fairly modest salary tend to obscure the professional satisfaction of a

developing technology.

Not all hospitals have big medical physics departments. Nevertheless, the one-person or twoperson unit is becoming more unusual as expertise and expensive equipment are increasingly concentrated and "lent" to hospitals the district and to private hospitals. A small department can, however, mean that the work at junior grade is more diverse and more responsible. For pure research, the Medical Research Council also employs medical

In the nuclear medicine section.

exactly where the dose should be given and how much.

For leukaemia, total body radia-

tion is used, every part needing a different dose. The pre-treatment plan takes two days to work out.
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 The Institute of Physical Sciences I Medicine, 4 Campleshon Road, York YO2 1PE, organises meetings and runs a training scheme for new graduate entrants to the NHS. IPSM membership also gives membership of the Hospital Physicists Association. Surrey and London Universities and the University of Wales at Cardiff and Swansea have degree courses in physics



Enjoying a challenge: Naina Hindocha at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead, north London. Mrs Hindocha is also studying for an M.Sc. and working on a computer project

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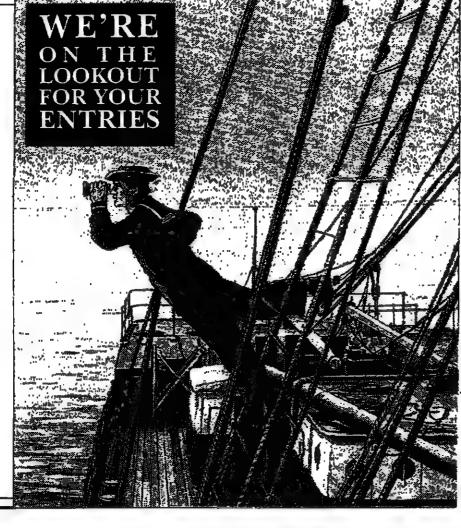
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January 1992

National Park Officer

The appointment of Michael Dower as Director General of the Countryside Commission leaves vacant the most challenging post in the management of Britain's National Parks.

Applications are invited for the job of National Park Officer with the Peak Park John Planning Board, which is the National Park Authority and unitary planning body for Britain's first National Park.

The post, leading a staff of 300 and overseeing a budget of 27 million, requires proven managerial ability and wide experience of countryside matters. It is not restricted to any one discipline, but the postholder is likely to possess a degree, or a professional or management qualification, together with at least ten years relevant experience.

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Ryde Again to put best foot forward

pedigree for National Hunt racing than Ryde Again A son of Celtic Cone, he is a full-man's yard, and if she has brother to the talented, but ill-managed to coax some of the fated Celtic Ryde and related to many other top horses such as Noddy's Ryde

Since his early days in now-ice hurdles the chesimit has been thought of as a future star by many observers. But Ryde Again has so far proved somewhat of an enigma: Now he will try to add

substance to that promise in the first division of the Reynard Novices Chase at Chepstow today.

The nine-year-old has already had one, less than successful, attempt at novice chasing. He only jumped one fence in public - he fell at the second — at Chepstow two seasons ago. And he has not won a race in almost two

However, last season he put up some some good perfor-mances in defeat. He ran second to Floyd in two of the top staying races, the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot and the Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton. He also acquitted himself well over two miles when beaten a head by Sybillin, with Royal Derbi three lengths away third, at

12-2-51-30

He now has his first outing since moving to Jenny Pit-

The season's outstanding conditional jockey, faces dis-qualification from 12 races.

in which he gained six wins

and six places, because offici-

als believe he was no longer entitled, to claim his 3lb

at Sandown on Saturday. t sandown on Saturday.

The Jockey Club's disci-

phnary committee will con-

sider the objection at an

1.10 Bomswick Blue 1.40 Ruling Dynamy, 2.10 Macin Dancer, 2.40 Shelly's Folly, 3.10 Panadime allos, 3.40 High Grade.

1.10 Brunswick Blue 1.40 Early Breeze 2.10 Caroles Clown 2.40 Curious Feeling 3.10 Silver

1.10 WORDSWORTH NOVICES HURDLE

6 TODAY'S FANCY 200F D O'Brien 4-10-8.
Level Long (7)
6 a ROBBIS RETURN 65 T Politiques 4-10-3 Mr. R Downing

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5-4 Golden Gunner, 5-4 Brunawick Bitte, 12-1 Royal Glasson, 14-1 Grey Tudor, 15-1 Robbiss Refurn, 20-1 Today, a Fancy,

1 -634 EARLY BREEZE 22 (CD,F) M McCourt 6-11-6 G McCourt

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6 5-U/0 AL SKEET 7 V Young 6-10-13
7 000- GE DED YOUTH 270 (D.F.) Miss K (Buorga 7-10-11
18 -0P2 GINA-OLANE 5-5 Own 5-10-11
8 -0P2 GINA-OLANE 5-5 Own 5-10-11
9 F42P GREENHILLS WARRIOR 21 (C) M Ryan 5-10-10
10 -1P0 MISS MOODY 40 (D) J Briddey 6-10-4 Mir R Parvine (7)
11 0P0P KOO 12 (B.D.F.) R Chamipton 6-10-1

B Powell

5-4 Early Errects, 7-2 Gine-Dienso 9/2 Ruling Dynasty, 5-1 Nobby, 10-1 Vissoorit, 12-1 Greenbills Werrior, 14-1 others.

1.40 TENNYSON CLAIMING HURDLE

(£1,363; 2m) (11)

Going: good, back straight good (chase course); good to (irm) (hurdies)

Course); godo to grini (Nuroles) 12.30 (2m hclis) 1, Absent Relative (A Mcguire, 8-11; 2, Alvasys Ready (33-1); 3, Cancecen (20-1). Woody Wili 7-2 fev. 19 ran. NP: Keep in Trin. St. Vol. Miles B Sanders. Toter 55.80; 21.50, 29.00, 25.10. DF: 2364.20. CSF: 2220.42.

Lin: ESSA.20. CSF: 2220.42 1.00 (2m 4t ch) 1. Change The Act (J Oborne, 45 fav); 2. Shverino (20%); 3. Rakes Lane (14-1), 10 ran. 23, %1. O Sharwood. Tota: £1.90; £1.10, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £7.40, CSF: £16.49.

Dr. E7.40. CSF: £16.49.
1.30 (2m 4) ch 1, Basilies (C Llewellys, 9-4 lay); 2, Ther-An-Elman (11-4); 3, Silver Cannon (4-1), 4 ren. 20, 51. T. Forster, Tote: £3.80 Dr. £25.60. CSF: £7.56.
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(cons. 12.00 LP: 12.300 CSF: 27.58. 2.00 (2m 4l holle) 1. Smertle Lee (1 Ce-borne, 13-2); 2. Carbity Bill (5-1); 3. Sun-set And Vine (8-13 fav), 6 ran. 3.; 392. P Cole. Tote: 28.10; 21.70, 22.00, 21.10. DF: 218.20. CSF: 241.83.

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Strings, 3.40 High Grade.

GOING: STANDARD -

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six victories.

untapped chasing potential that Ryde Again has hinted at in his hurdling, then he should be good exough today.

The best of the opposition could be Martin Pipe's Cache Meur who is making his chasing debut, having won a hardle at Kempton earlier this season. However, on the balance of form, this represents a major step up in class.

The champion trainer should be on target, however, with Outside Edge in the Johnny Clay Memorial Handicap Chase. Omside Edge won only once last season but put up a fine perfor-



Pitman: her Ryde Again has untapped potential

Maguire to lose six winners

A statement explained: "It is the responsibility of an in-dividual claiming jockey to

keep account of races won,

but it appears that Adrian Maguire has incorrectly been claiming a 3lb allow-ance since he rode Norstock

to victory in the Tortington

and therefore an objection has been lodged."

Magnire said: "As far as I

was concerned I lest my

claim when I won on Notary

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ADRIAN Maguire is in trou-ble with the Jockey Club over-his claim, and racing's ruling boyses concerned will be body is objecting to his last disqualified.

Those under threat include Selling Handicap Hurdle at his three impressive winners Fontwell on December 30,

deals with horses carrying Nowell at Sandown on Satur-

Seagram in the Ritz Club Chase at the Chehenham festival. His main rival could be managed to coax some of the ... Over The Road, who was fourth to Seagram in the Grand National.

Outside Edge was 25 lengths behind Seagram when receiving 7lb, while Over The Road was 38 lengths back when in receipt of 61b. The fact that Outside Edge has already had a run this season should filt matters in his favour, and he is my

Pipe can make it a double with Porest Flame in the Future Chasers Conditional Jockeys' Selling Handicap hurdle. Although his first run this season was less than encouraging. Forest Flame looked like recapturing his best form when a close fifth at Warwick last week. A drop to selling company may get him back to winning ways. Mountebor, who has not

run for almost a year, can start his season with a win in the Breedon Handicap Chase ar Leicester. The seven-yearold has won on his seasonal debut for the last two seasons and looks weighted to do so

Later, The Illywhacker may prove the better of Jenny Pitman's two runners in the Arlington, Premier Series

day, but there appears to have been a mix-up with the numbers. This is a big blow."

vestigating Magnire's riding record — including his suc-

cesses in Ireland where he

was based until this season

- because nobody could es-tablish when the jockey offi-

cially lost his right to claim.

David Pipe, director of public affairs, said: "We've done what we can, but it is

not totally exhaustive. There could be more. But we do not keep jockey statistics. As

long as riders are free to so

anywhere in the world, we expect them to keep their

figures up to date."

2.10 KEATS HANDICAP HURDLE

1 31/2 PREMIER PRINCESS 12 (D.F.O) G. Ham 6-12-0

1 31/9 PREMIER PROMOTO B POWER
2 0/12 LEGAL 1984 466 (7) 3 Dog 7-11-2 A Diction (7)
3 2/11 MARILIN DANCER 17 (CGLS) 466 8 Sandar 7-11-1
Dain McClass
4 25-1 CAROLES CLOWN 3 (CD) M Haynes 6-10-12 (Sec)
8 Moore

5 SSU CAZAUDEHORE S (COSF) M Poblem 7-100 1 Lawrence 6 800 TEMPORALE 12 (F.S) K Bloke 6-100 ... D Biothyster (S)

94 Nath Dacor, 52 Preside Princes, 31 Calobs Clove, 92 Car suchion, 61 Lagel The, 81 Temporale,

1 1222 SAFETY 46 (6.D.BF.F) J William 5-12-0 J Lodder
2 4:007 CHROCUS FEELING 5 (CD.F) J Bosley 6-17-10 (6xd)
M Bosley
3 P/F0 FEHEARSH63 17 (D) Alian K-Gargin 9-17-1 Mr M Ammilton
4 9:21 EBMN 17 (CD.G), Jurkins 5-10-2 G McCourt
5 -2403 SHELLY'S FOLLY 18 K Bosley 7-10-8 D Bridgester (S)
64 Curicum Feeling, 5-2 lewin, 7-2 Salety, 6-1 Shelly's Folly,
12-1 Rehearshop

94 Steer Stance, 52 Persistention, 3-1 Zealous Kitten, 4-1 Performs Supress, 6-1 Storm Crysten.

3.40 BROWNING NOVICES HANDICAP

1 213 HIGH GRADE 11 (G) 3 Dow 4-126 A I 2 314 CHEMAYO 95 (D.P.) Product 4-10-15 D D CS 3 288 GRAHRY'S GREE 22 J Harris 4-10-6

COURSE SPECIALISTS

4-5 High Grade, 9-4 Chimayo, 7-2 Ganny's Girl.

HURDLE (£1,438: 2m 2f) (3)

2.40 coleridge HANDICAP HURDLE

3.10 SHELLEY MAIDEN HURDLE

(£1,256; 2m 4f) (5)

The Jockey Club started in-

CHEPSTOW MANDARIN

3.30 Kingsley.

THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 12.30 Ryde Again. 12.30 Sound Of Jura. 1.00 VAZON BAY (nap). 1.00 Vazon Bay. 1.00 Parson's Thoms. 1.30 Sendai. 1.30 Just A Second. 2.00 Outside Edge 2.30 Forest Flame. 2.00 OUTSIDE EDGE (nap).
2.30 Forest Flame.
3.00 Freeling Finishing.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE): GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES)

12.30 REYNARD NOVICES CHASE (Div l. 52,388; 2rr. 4f) (14 runners)

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	. 5	306-055	GOOS FOX 85 (G.S) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 10-11-4.	70	
	- 5	112-032	JEASSU 17 (BF.F.CLS) (Mrs R Mile) A J Wilson 9-11-4	4	
	- 7	. 66-FB03	PURPLE POINT 19 (Sir E Parker) D Barrons 7-11-4 N House	-	
	- 8	F24225-	RYDE AGAM 272 (F.S) (Art K Havesid) Mrs J Pilman 9-11-4. M Pilman	-	
	- 8	- 6012-	SOUND OF JURA 278 (G) (Lord Chalens) T Fortiller 7-11-4 C 1 (comb)	100	
	10	3/8050 FI	TIME MODULE 17 (Mrs D Scott) D Scott 8-11-4	-	-
	11	2300-34	VICEROY JESTER 17 (F,S) (F Broom) R Holder 7-11-4	10.	
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	13	331846	LASTING MEMORY 33 (F) (B Burnard) R Frost 6-10-13		
-	14	OF 440 (RYMOLEREESE 650 (Breaner Fabrications Ltd) P Hobbs 7-10-13 C March		
+	BET	TING: 7-4	Rycle Agein, 3-1 Cache Fleur, 4-1 Sacre D'Or, 6-1 Puspie Point, 8-1 Jeassu, 10-1 Vicero	Ju	a

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FORM FOCUS

Imate stari. SOUND OF JURA 5: 2nd of 16 to Classic Statement in Harstord (Sm 1f, good to soft) novice hundle. VICERDY JESTER 171 4th of 9 to Frealine Finathing in novice chase over 2m (good to soft) here with TIME MODULE tailed off when re-turing 2 out. Selection: SACRE D'OR (nap) SACRE D'OR 9: 2nd of 4 to Far Over Stray in Uticuster (2m, geodynovice chase. CACHE FLEUR 11% 2nd of 11 to Testovsky in templicap buttle over 2m (good to soft) here.
JEASSU 21% 2nd of 8 to Cyphrate en novice chase over 2m (good to soft) here. N'OE AGAIN Hd 2nd of 4 to Sybalin in Herstord (2m, good) hundle on penul-

1.00 REYNARD NOVICES CHASE (Div II: \$2,388: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

BETTING: 52 Super Sense, 3-1 Person's Thoms, 4-1 Vacon Bay, 6-1 Bistrangton, 8-1 Fiddlers Three, (6-1 Kas Kas's Dream, 12-1 others FORM FOCUS

BLAKEINSTON 201 last of 3 finatures to Rolling Bull in chase over course and distance (good to sort). FAST STUDY blundered and polled up at helivey on chasing debts at Towcester (3m II, good to firm). FRODLERS THREE better of two efforts last session when FRI 2nd to Toping Tim In sevice hencicap chase over course and distance (sort), MONETARY FUND tasked off 6th to Cyphraig in novice chase over 2m (good to soft) here where PARSON'S

THORNS was 3rd and beaten when faling at the leat. PARSON'S THORNS 111 3rd of 13 to Truth Be Told in Ultrosster (2rs 4f, soft) novice handle on pendiments start. SUPER SENSE made mistake 3 out when 16141 3rd of 8 to Mighty Falcon in Wincanton (2m 5f, pood to firm) chase. VAZON BAY 13 5th of 18 to Vale Of Secrety in Banger (2m 4f, good to soft) notice.

1.30 DEBUTANTES MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,828: 2m 4f) (19 runners)

	7	4-411	SENDAI 34 (F,G) (Mrs M Tutnett) J Gillard 6-11-12	- 9
	2	4/FB-003	ALLYFAIR 12 (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 7-11-4	
	3	00-006	BARONESS ORICZY 8 (Mrs C Palemen) W G M Turner 5-11-4 NOH-RUNNER	_
	4		CANTANTRY 4 (T Belley) T Balley 7-11-4 B Dowling	_
	. 6	0-	CHEEF LADY BANKA 305 (Mrs P Wilcocks) J McConnectio 5-11-4	_
	6		DARK DEEP DAWN 12 (J Upson) J Upson 5-11-4	98
	7	0/	DUTCH RHYMES 982 (L Puller) G Enright 7-11-4 R Ballerry	_
	8		EDGE O' BEYOND 4 (E Eveleigh) M Pige 7-11-4 M Foster (5)	_
			EMILY'S STAR 32 (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Device 5-11-4 P Soutemore	8
	10		FROZEN FLAME 12 (Mrs D Edwards) B McMehon 7-11-4 T. Wall	8
	17		GARVENISH 480 (Mae F Flotcher) N Gueslee 7-17-4 R Durnwoody	_
	12		HARMONY ROYAL 10 (M Ward-Thomas) T Forsier 7-11-4 C Liewellyn	84
	13	05-4	JUST A SECOND 19 (C Drewe) C Drewe 7-11-4 L Harvey	98
	14		MOHELI 289 (8 Device) R Holder 5-11-4	_
	15		MOSSY MORKING 304 (Mrs J Dibben) J Edwards 5-11-4	_
	16		NTONESI 18 (Mrs. D Joyce) V Bishoo 9-11-4 A Maguire	53
•	17		RUNNING VALLEY 39 (J Neethern) J Neethern 8-11-4 J White	• =
	18		THE GYMPAZIUM 10 (J Pikington) J Pikington 7-11-4 D Lowing (7)	_
	19		WOODGRADE LASS 61 (Woodgrade Ltd) N Ayine 8-11-4 P Davise (7)	_
			10 Sendal, 4-1 Deep Dark Dawn, 6-1 Emily's Star, 6-1 Allylair, 10-1 Mossy Morning, J.	MIT /
	300	RU, 12-1 /	Hombi, 14-1 others,	

FORM FOCUS

SENDAI beat Steveron ink in 12-runner Mynthrodon (2m - 100yd, good to firm) novice hardle. DARK DEEP DAWN 71 2nd of 11 to Surrice in Wincarton 12m, good to firm) novice hardle proviously 13 3rd of 11 to Gipsy Dawn in Huntingdon (2m 4t, solt) novice hurdle with HARMONY ROYAL (super larm) if 4th.

EMILY'S STAR 9½15th of 14 to Ben Head in Ban-

Red Rum holding his own

THE condition of Red Rum remained unchanged yesterday as he continued his fight for life.

Red Rum, suffering from colic and a blocked arrery, is: still having a blocked arrery, is: still having come in the next few days.

difficulty taking food and water.
Ginger McCain reported yesterday: "As before, he was very bright this

morning and got stuck into his breakfast. But once he'd eaten up, he began to feel some discomfort. It seems to happen as soon the food reaches the stomach."

McCain, based at Cholmondley. Cheshire, has been immdated with calls and cards from well-wishers since the triple Grand National winner Red Rum became ill last week. The phone never stops ringing.

We have had lots of cards and some

and I would expect the crunch to come in the next few days." ☐ Peter Niven, was taken to Wolverhampton Royal Hospital for X-rays after suffering a crashing fall from Santaray at the midland track yesterday. Niven complained of a pain at the base of his neck.

☐ Waterloo Boy is 6-4 favourite with the sponsors for the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday. Other prices: 4-1 Uncle Emie, Young Snugfit, 5-1 Good For A Laugh, 10-1 Sure Metal, 16-1 Cashew King. Last 'O' The Bunch is 4-1 with a run.

2.00 JOHNNY CLAY MEMORIAL CHASE (Handicap: £3,655: 3m 6f) (13 runners) 451043- OVER THE ROAD 282 (G.S) (J Upson) J Upson 11-11-10 R Supple 92 92513-2 OUTSIDE EDGE 12 (BF.S) (B kidatrici) M Pibe 11-11-8 P Scudemore 95

Long handlosp: Uncle Raggy 9-1, Tiber Melody 8-12, Pat Alsaka 8-8, Mongomery 8-1.
BETTING: 11-4 Outside Edge, 7-2 Combermere, 4-1 Gay Moore, 8-1 Forest Ranger, 8-1 Yingan, 10-1 Tiber Melody, 12-1 Ace Of Spacs, 14-1 others

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OVER THE ROAD 7½1 3rd of 18 to Killone Abbey in grade B William Hill Scottish National handscap chase at Ayr (4m 120yd, good). ACE OF SPIES best Master Bob 6 in 9-runner Chettenham (2m 41 to the country of 81 3rd, LAST HOUSE tasked of 8th and good) handicap chase on perultimate start.

GOMBERMERE 1½1 2rd of 10 to Third in Line in Wincanton (3m 11, good to firm) handscap chase over 3m 3i (good to solf) here on perultimate start with MISTER CHRISTIAN (1th better off) 5hl.

4th. MISTER CHRISTIAN best OUTSIDE EDGE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) handicap chase with 6AY MOORE (2b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) 2½1 in 9-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2/110yd, solf) 2½1 in 9-runner heaving (3b better off) 2½1 in 9-runner heaving (3b better o

2.30 FUTURE CHASERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP

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2	135246-	FOREST FLAME 8 (B.F.S) (Avs M Paimer) M Pips 7-12-7	9
3		KING OF THE MING IT IT IG HAND I THANKS I TOO	9
4	1043-45	COXANN 42 (D,G,S) (T Hart) J McConnective 5-10-7 J Puttin (4)	91
Ş	P-41644	MC ICHI DO 40 (B.D.F.G) (Miss S Wilton) Mats S Wilton 6-10-7	
6	00018-0	ANYONE'S FANCY 18 (S) (W Dore) D Gendolfo 7-10-3	97
7	4804-00	BALLYANTO 12 (J Cherd) R Holder 7-10-2	8
8	PSR224	BOADICEA'S CHARIOT 8 (F) (D Filer) R Manning 5-10-1	97
	53-0005	SEE NOW 6 (S) (O Bott) Mrs A Knight 7-10-0	90
ā	01/050-0	BELPENEL 36 (G) (Mrs B Key) C Smith 6-100 Martin Jones	93
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17	5UU008	COOMBE 6 (V) (Mrs J Warng) L Waring 7-10-0	B
18	PP3540	KASHMIR GOLD 5 (Mrs S Hosper) N Aylitte 4-10-0 B Clifford	
7 8	O/POP-	ARAPAHO CRIEF 375 (T Lawn) R Brotherton 7-10-0	
20	PPP-	SIXASH STAR 302 (P Hint) P Hant 5-10-0 5 Davies	_
27	OPP-F0	SARUM PRINCE 11 (Mrs A Venng) R Collow 6-10-0	-
22	0425-54	HAWWAR 6 (V) (Moor Ferm Racing) Mrs A King 5-10-0	
on de	g hendice re Long 84	p: See Now 9-11, Belpanel 9-10, Fenousia 9-8, Yerrys Town 9-4, Tax Deep 9-0, Bromo 9 i, First Admiral, Coombe 8-9, Kashmir Gold 8-6, Arapho Chlef 8-0, Sesiah Star 8-0, Serum Pr	1-10 mos

BETTING: 13-8 Forest Flame, 3-1 Ballyanio, 5-1 See Nov. 8-1 Coolers, 10-1 Ma Ichi Do, 12-1 Decent Pel

FORM FOCUS

FOREST FLAME 7I test of 5 to Will James in War- stok (2m, good to firm) handloop hundle DESERTA PALM 1994 4th at 11 to Belshe Boy in Lustow (2m ii, good to firm) handloop handle on paratitimate start last season. COXANN 1994 6th of 9 to Penata in Stratford (2m, good) conditional jockeys handloop hundle MO ICHI DO 243tl 4th of 19 to Emerald Surset in Wel- verhampton (2m 4I, good) selling handloop hundle	on penultimate start with SEE NOW 9th. ANY ONE'S FANCY bast Final Sound 8 in 14-nume Lingfield (2m, soft) novice handloop hundle on penultimate start last term. BOADICEA'S CHARROT 12 2nd of 9 to Regitime in seling hundle over course and distance (good to soft) on penultimate start. SE NOW 141 5th of 8 to L'Llores Pru in Devon (2m 1) good to femi) handloop hundle. Selection: DESERT PALM
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3.00 PHEASANT HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,784: 2m) (7 runners)

	0F3/22P	CHIEF IRONSIDE 17 (D,G) (H Davies) D Burchell 12-12-0	87
5	03P11-2	PLAT REAY 50 (D,BF,S) (Duchoes of Westminster) T Forster 8-11-3 C Liewellyn	84
3	1310/F-1	FREELINE FINISHING 17 (CD.G.S) (I Struet) N Henderson 8-11-2 R Dunwoody	90
	222F-4P	BLUE BOURBON 16 (D,S) (R Holder) R Holder 6-11-1	93
5	0P/313-F	MAYBE BABY 12 (CD,G) (5 Lindsey) D Berons 7-10-10	87
	3530-34	FUEGO BOY 42 (0,G,S) (A Derlington) A J Wilson 12-10-7 L Harvity	96
7		ITS NEARLY TIME 12 (8F,S) Mrs R Brackenbury 9-10-0 M A Fitzgerald (5)	99
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Long handicap: He Nearly Time 9-13. BETTING: 5-2 Freefine Finishing, 7-2 Ptot Resy, 4-1 its Nearly Time, 6-1 Maybe Baby, 8-1 Fuego Boy, 10-1 Chief Ironaide, 12-1 Blue Boundon.

FORM FOCUS

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mete start. PLAT REAY & 2nd of 8 in Bangor (2m 4f, soft) hendicap cha	
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final start lest term with FREELINE FINISHING 30
when lest lest previously best Gastinus Adolphus
12 in chase over course and distance (good). FUEGO BOY 11 1/4 4th of 11 to Monk's Mistake in Stratford (2m, good) hendicap chase. ITS NEARLY
TIME 21 2nd of 12 to Star Seeson in Newton Abbot
(2m St, soft) novice chase.
Salection: PLAT REAY

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3.30 RABBIT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,940; 3m) (20 runners)

1	P04R-01	BEN HEAD 30 (D,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 10-11-4 C Llawellyn
2	533-241	FINELY BALANCED 10 (S) (Albury Racing Ltd) R Curtis 5-11-4
3	006	CAPTAIN COGNAC 12 (Mrs N Delemain) P Hobbs 6-10-12 C Maude
4	60/PU	CASTING TIME 8 (Sir E Perker) C Serons 8-10-12
. 5	6	COOLCRONAN 47 (Miss 5 Curciffe) O Sherwood 6-10-12 Mr J Durkun
6	58/FPBP-	DERRY GOWAN 314 (F.G.S) (T Kerr) G Thomer 10-10-12
7		ERCALL MILLER 20 (D Pugh) K White 5-10-12
8		FLYER'S NAP 8 (R Ainer) R Ainer 6-10-12 Mr R Ainer 6
9		FREDDY OWEN 10 (R Owen) L Codd 6-10-12
10		HEAD OR HARP 32 (D Nichola) P Nichola 5-10-12 \$ Burrough
11		JORURI 12 (Metaword Ltd) F Yardiey 7-10-12
12		KELLY OWENS 31 (Mrs T Baron) N Smith 7-10-12
13		MILL FARM 8 (A Williams) A Williams 9-10-12
14		MOSS PEAT SI (R Frost) R Frost 7-10-12
15		RATHMORE 36 (C Rykens) N Gaselee 6-10-12
16		THE LAST BUT ONE 10 (D Wintle) D Wintle 7-10-12 N Witharmson
17		WOODLAND MINSTREL 325 (A Write) M Pige 7-10-12 P Scudemore
18		CELTIC REMORSE 8 (F) (Mrs P Nach) C Nuch 10-10-7 Mrs P Nach (7)
19		FLOATS 36 (R Williams (Newport)) C Nesh 6-10-7
20		ICINGSLEY 31 (J Pointon) Miss S Wilton 5-10-7 S Davies (3)
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	ton 5-10-7
FORM	FOCUS
SEN HEAD best Solid Fuel 1/2 in 14-runner Banger 3m, soft) novice hurdle. FINELY BALANCED best fictor Bravo 3 in 15-runner Folkastone (2m 61, good a soft) novice hurdle. DOOLCROMAN 21/41 6th of 15 to Young Hartler in COOLCROMAN 21/41 6th of 15 to Young Hartler in	(2m 81, good) novice hurdle. WOODLAND MIN- STREL 381 7th of 13 to Clever Dick in Windsor (2m, good to soft) novice hurdle. KINGSLEY 101 2nd of 4 to Levy Free in Doncaster (3m 100yd, good to firm) novice hurdle with KELLY OWENS (seme terms)

Winceston (2m 5t, good) novice hurdle. FLYEH'S 84t lest.
NAP 94d 4th of 12 to Surset And Vine in Pontwell Selection: BEN HEAD **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

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1981: BLUE DART 11-12-0 H Davies (13-2) T F-inster 6 ran

1991: TILDARG 7-11-0 J Oeborne (13-8) O Sherwood 6 min

2.20 BREEDON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,978: 3m) (8 runners)

RICHARD EVANS THUNDERER MANDARIN 1.20 Light Veneer. 1.50 Prince Ceva. 2.20 Country Diary. 2.50 Golden Celtic. 3.20 Dakyns Boy. 3.50 Derab. 1.20 Light Veneer. 1.50 Errant Knight. 1.20 LIGHT VENEER (nap). 2.20 Country Diary. 2 20 Mountehor. 3.50 Wake Up.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.20 LIGHT VENEER.

ı.	20	CHIEFTAIN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235: 2m 4f) (16 runners)
1	03-1221	LIGHT VENEER 12 (D,G) (L. Jones) Mrs M Jones 7-11-12 M Lynch
2	OT.	JINGA 32 (G) (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 7-11-6 H Device
3	· 000P	FLING IN SPRING 6 (May H Porter) J McConnoctue 6-11-0
4	365/P	HOLY FOLEY 42 (T Prikington) Mrs T Pilkington 10-11-0 A Webb
5		NOMER'S NOD 8 (C Hitchings) C Hitchings B-11-0 R Beggen
	0-P	JUST DAVID 12 (Mrs R Leftwich) N Grehem 9-11-0 R Guest
7	6F	MYSTICAL GUEST 6 (J Bostock) J Bostock 6-11-0 D Byrne
8	43-6523	ON THE SAUCE 12 (Goldsmith, Langham & Thompson) M Heynes 5-11-0 J Railton
9		SARAH'S WROATH 12 (Mrs V Stockdale) M Soudemore 7-11-0 D Tegg
10		THE JET SET 10 (A Mines) Mrt J Pitmen 5-11-0 B de Haun
11	60-00F0	TIMURS LUCK 8 (S Street) T Caldwell 6-11-0 Peter Caldwell
12	5/0P	TOI MARINE 10 (Mrs V Humbly) C Seever 7-11-0
13	0P605-P	LLANELLY 12 (Greene Roe) Greens Roe 5-10-9 Lorne Vincent
14	. 05	MISS CAPULET 12 (C Recing) T Donnelly 5-10-9
15	965-350	MY CHIARA 20 (A Eaton) P Beyan 6-10-9
16	\$14-0	NUT TREE 18 (D Wike) D Wike 7-10-9
ET	TING: 94	Jaga, 5-2 Light Veneer, 5-1 My Chiere, 6-1 On The Seuce, 8-1 The Jet Set, 12-1 others 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

	1.	50 a	ROBY MAIDEN CHASE (£2,055: 2m) (17 runners)	
1	- 1	4906-00	CHERRYHILL SEAUTY 58 (G) (Mrs A Davise) K Balley 8-11-8	Al
١	2	322R34	COBBLERS COOLER 12 (Mrs. J Smith) G Cherten-Jones 7-11-8	N Cole
1	3	040-60	COOL DUDE 38 (Mrs. A Bell) O Breman 6-11-8	¥ Ly
Ì	4	42-53F0	COUTURE TIGHTS 63 (BF) (Couture Marketing Lad) J Mackie 7-11-8	DT
	5	332/LIS	ERRANT KNIGHT 35 (BF) (Mrs N Bird) M Pipe 8-11-8	PN
1		P0/03-	FIDDLE A LITTLE 305 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 7-11-8	DB
1	7	P63920	FRISCO CITY 10 (M Rimell) D Nicholson 6-11-8	Mr M Pilme
1			THE STATE OF	Mr M Stewart

BETTING: 7-2 Fraco City, 5-1 Prince Ceva, 11-2 Time Star, 6-1 Ement Knight, 8-1 Coulum Tights, 18-1 Fiddle: A Little, Orchipedzo, 12-1 others. 1991; SIDE OF HILL 6-11-8 M Perrett (3-1) S Mellor 6 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS Winners Runners Percent . JOCKEYS 41.7 33.3 23.1 22.5 21.7 20.0 M Pirman J Osborne M Dwyer D Tegg W McFarland 48 69 13 31 23 75

Long handlosp: Prince Cartton 9-4, Philiptown Lad 8-13.
BETTING: 7-4 Country Diary. 4-1 Mountebor, 5-1 Blue Derl, 11-2 Stoton Abbey, 6-1 Pysamas, 8-1 Hesty Diver, 20-1 Prince Cartton, 33-1 Philiphitown Lad. 2.50 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,557: 2m 4f) (5 runners) BETTING: 45 Golden Celtic, 9-2 Devil's Valley, 6-1 The Mywhacker, 16-1 Tom Troubadous, 14-1 Wind Force. 3.20 NOMAD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235: 2m) (14 runners) Tory — 16man 76 Lynch — 87 Tegs 87 Heven — 76 med (7) • 99

BETTING: 5-2 Secret Turn, 3-1 Daloms Boy, 5-1 Good For A Loan, 6-1 Princese Moodyshoe, 8-1 Cardinal Bird, 10-1 Rossate Lodge, Live Action, 12-1 Rayado, Eric's Train, 14-1 others. 1991: VOLCANIC DANCER 5-11-5 S Smith Eccles (9-1) G Pritchard-Gordon 11 ran

3.50 LEICESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,075: 2m) (13 runners)

1	00328-4	KETTI 8 (D.F.G.S) (Berkshire Components Ltd) D Williams 7-12-0	
2	1/200-0	SOUND OF ISLAY 42 (D.G) (Lord Chelsen) T Forster 7-11-11	8
3	F0F/514	YORKSHIREMAN 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Hyde Promotions) J Glover 7-11-8 H Davies	9
4	14-16	PINATA 22 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs & Robins) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-5 M Priman	2
5	1-33	DERAB 12 (B,D,S) (Nrs E Brown) S Sherwood 6-11-3	9
6	2116/	AVEC COEUR 1039 (D,BF,G,S) (W Woodward) R Marvin 10-11-0	-
7	31F351-	MARINERS MIRROR 278 (D.G.S.) (E Prail) M Scudamora 5-10-13 S McNail	В
8	,0210-02	HATS HIGH 12 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs J Gray) F Gray 7-10-8	8
9	011431	WAKE UP 6 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 5-10-7 (Sex) M Dwyer (9
		CHARLIE DICKINS 12 (C,D,S) (Olerans Ltd) S Malor 8-10-5	9
		DIRECTORS: CHOICE 8 (B,D,F) (P Scarborough) W Carter 7-10-3	8
		THIN RED LINE 12 (V,D,BF,S) (American Technical) J Jenkins 8-10-0 M Ahern	8
13	01138/3	HIGH ALOFT 12 (D.F.G.S) (Malcom Pic) Mrs J Pitman 8 10-0	8
Lon	g handica	g; Thin Red Line 9-12, High Aloft 9-8.	

SETTING: 7-2 Densb, 8-2 Wake Up, 6-1 Phata, 7-1 Yorkshiroman, 8-1 Hels High, High Aloft, 10-1 Charlies Disclares, Directors' Choice, 12-1 Ketts, Than Red Lane, 14-1 others. 1991: TORWADA 8-10-5 D Murphy (13-8 lov) B Curley 20 ran

Rides Percent

E18 20. CSF: 241.83.
2.30 (3m ch) 1. bor (Mrs P Nesh, 11-2); 2, Surestine Flight (14-1); 3, Mad Cassmona (100-30 tsv). 11 rsa, 101.25. C Nash, Totac (56.0; 11/0, 44.20; 12.80. DF: £89.20. CSF: £89.05. Tricast £267.64.
3.00 (2m 41 hdie) 1, Tree Poppy (G Bradley, 3-1); 2, Mismilin Spring (11-10 fav); 3, Ladbrokes (RACING SERVICE 0891 222 + LIVE 123 ALL TRACKS 111 CHEPSTOW 101 LEICESTER 102



Johan Jack (88-1). B can. NPt Bollinger, Dark Honey. 12, 18. C Books. 164c; 64.30; 21.70; 21.40; DF; 23.30; CSF; 65.62; Trinset: E143.78. 3.30 (2m flat) I, Brave Buscameir (P Verling, 9-2; 2, Antirevas Migastris (4-1); 3, Almanot (5-1). Secret Cottage 5-4 fav. 7 rin. 8, 10, D Mairrey Smith. Toke: 25.20; 22.00; 21.50; DF; 23.50; CSF; 221.35. Placeport 2135.10. EZNS-BB. Inteset ET, 101-47.

\$2.20 (3m 11 ch) 1, Mr Boeton (S Turner, 5 f); 2, Snowfire Chep (100-30 fav); 3, John S Brihdey (7-1), 12 nm, 5, 12, R Woodbouse. Tols: 59.30; 22.20, C1.90, 21.90; DF: 27.30, CSF: 220.35. Tricast: 500.59. Wolverhampton coung: good 12.50 (2m hole) 1, Harrigover (8 Dowling, 7-2) 2 Frickley (2-1 fav); 3, Noble Insight (9-2) 11 Am. NK, 151, R Lee. Tota: 28.30; 52.00, 21.80, 21.90. DF: 24.90, CSF: 210.38 2108.18. | 1, Helisopous (P. Scudemore, 4-5 fav; Richard Evene nep); 2, Crazy Horse Denos (33-1); 3, Naschwood Mappet (18-1), 13 ran. 15, 101. M Tomphins. Tole: 22.00; 21.40, 24.70, 12.20. DF 986.90. CSF: 527.11. \$2.00, £1.50, £1.50, Dr. £4.50, CSF: £10.38.

1.20.(2m hdie) 1, Obie's Train (M Pitman, Evens Say): 2 Comedy Spy (-5-1): 3. Mountainspron (25-1), 10 rgn, 394; 20. Mr J Pitman, Tota, £2.50; £1.40, £1.50, £2.50 Dr. £4.50, £1.50, £1.50, £1.50 (2m ch) 1, Welsh Bard (R Dunucody, 5-1); 2, Lindert (7-4 fac); 3, Nora Gauss (10-1), 10 rgn, 8, 4t C Brooks, Tota: £5.50; £1.50, £1.10, £2.50, DF-£5.00, CSF: £12.84.
2.20 (2m hdie) 1, Our Strabridge (A Carrol, 2-1 fav); 2 Vicardy Gam (5-1; 3, Middis Blue (20-1), 16 ran, NR: Freezing. Piecepot: 27.10. Southwell Going: standard

Going: standard:
1,10 (2m 6* hole) 1, Man From Marti (B cathord, 15-8 hay); 2, Deep Halo (5-2); 3, Entertainment Park (2-1), 5 van. 11, 231 P Hobbs. Tota: 22.30; 21.30, 21.80. DF: 23.10. CSF: 27.00.
1.40 (2m 4* hole) 1, Pay To Dream (D Bentley, 7-2); 2, Fresh-Mint (11-4); 3, Cinlet Vision (11-10 hay), 7 van. 14, 231, R Wanver. Tota: 23.50; 21.40, 21.70. DF: 28.20. CSF: 21.31.5.
2.10 (2m 4* hole) 1, long Of Shadows (G 28.20. GSF: 273.13. 2 10 (2m 4 fode) 1, Nong Of Shadows (G Lyons, 2-1 fav); 2, Neurclic Bay (12-1); 3, Effice-Cet (5-2), 7 mil. 4, 351. R Holfsmhadd, Tote: 23.20; 21.70, 24.30. DF: £12.80. CSF: £22.58.

DF: 212.80. CSF: 222.58.
2.40 (2m Indie) 1: Mizyan (S Kaightley, 7-2); 2, Gymcmk. Sovereign (7-4 fav); 3, Lyphar Dancer (5-2), 13 can. 8, 251. J Banks, Tota; 24.70; 21.70, 21.50, 21.10. DF: 210.00. CSF. 210.05.
3.10 (2m Indie) 1, Pandesses (R Modge, 6-5 lev); 2, Citrus King (7-1); 3, Granty's Girl (5-1), 7 mr. 294. 10. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: 21.90; 21.50, 22.80. DF: 210.50. CSP-59.50. 29.80 3,40 (2m hole) 1, Secret Summit (T Flay, 10-1); 2, Peak District (11-4 fi-fav); 3, High Finance (3-1); Tristen's Comet 11-4 fi-fav, 9 can. A Fornes, Nt., 11, Tote: £19.50; £5.20, £1.10, £1.50, DF: £40.40, CSF; £38.88. Tricset: £39.05.

TRAINERS: M McCourt, 6 winners from 8 numers, 75.0%; J Sumilife, 3 from 6, 50.0%; Miles & Sanders, 10 from 30, 58,5%; S Dow, 4 front 2, 53.5%; M H Tompidae, 6 from 19, 31,6%; J Jenidae, 15 from 56, 26.6%. JOCKEYS: G McCourt, S winners from 6 riches, 50.0%; Dale McKeown, 21 from 68, 32.8%; M Sostey, 5 from 24, 20.8%; G Moore, 4 from 23, 17.4%; 5 Keightley, 3 from 26, 10.7%; (Only qualifiers). 4, 15, C Williams. Tota: \$3.40; 21.50, -21.50, 28.70; DF-28.10. CSF: \$9.72. 2.50 (2n; 44 ch) 1, Purbock Dove (D Lesty, 18-1); 2, Contrana (20-1); 3, Way Of Life (3-1 fav); 4, Boom Time (13-2); 4, 2%, 4, Whs H Parrott, Tota: \$15.60; \$2.80, £1.50, £1.50, £8.50. DF: \$4.01. CSF: 2259 38. Tricant £1.101.47. TRAINERS M Pipe Mrs J Pitmen 1 Fonster R Lee N Gaselee J Macket

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Barnes is back in favour as captain

RUGBY UNION

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

STUART Barnes found his way back into an English representative team vesterday when he was named as both stand-off half and captain of the B XV to play Spain in Madrid on January 19. It marks, in a sense, the formal ending of what might be called the stand-off between Barnes and successive England team managements after the player made himself unavailable for squad duty in 1987 and 1989.

"I have made an unconditional commitment to England and the selectors can play me at whatever level they think best." Barnes said. "I will willingly play for the B team and will go on tour to New Zealand in the summer if I am wanted." His first concern, however, will be to ensure that a rib injury has cleared sufficiently to allow him to reign in Spain.

It is the first time he has played for a B team, even though he has been playing first-class rugby almost as long as England have had B fixtures. Barnes has, however.

won eight full caps. He was poorly treated by the selectors early in his career, he was dropped after his first game, against Australia, and came back to play well on tour in New Zealand in 1985, only to find himself passed over in favour of Rob Andrew at home. Indeed he has never started a five nations' championship match. and it was the constant frustration of being a replace-ment that induced his first withdrawal in 1987. Thereafter the time-consuming captaincy of Bath proved as much a factor in his non-

availability in 1989. He is one of four capped players in what will be the fourth fixture against the full Spanish side: John Buckton, Graham Dawe and Andy Mullins are the others in a side notable for youngsters Gloucester lock who has made his way through the credentials.

under-21 ranks. The good club form of Man Greenwood, the Nottingham No. 8 but picked as blind-side flanker, is also rewarded.

It is significant for a new generation of front-row forwards that Gavin Baldwin, the Northampton loose-head prop. comes into the frame the day after Martin Hynes, also 23, from Orrell was named as a replacement for the senior England side. The enforced retirement of Paul Rendall and the likely conclusion of the careers of Gary Pearce and Jeff Probyn sooner rather than later have been addressed but it is safe to assume that more experienced players may be chosen in subsequent B internationals, for instance, against Ireland (January 31) and France (February 15). Both will be formidable opponents.

The requirements of the B team have removed Tony Underwood from the England Students, who will be led by Martin Pepper in their opening international of the season, against Scottish Students at Myreside, the Watsonians's ground, on January 17. Pepper succeeds as captain Rupert Moon, the Llanelli scrum half who would certainly have played in the B team but for his decision to opt for Wales.

The student selectors could not consider Audley Lumsden, the Bath full back, nor three-quarters Laurence Boyle, Damian Hopley and Paul Flood because of injury; that has created an opportu-nity for the pair from Harper Adams Agricultural College Michael Fielden and Andy Caldwell in the centre.

There are places, too, for Kieran Bracken, the former England Schools scrum half now at Bristol University who had attracted the attention of the Irish selectors, and Alex Snow, the lock from St Andrew's University picked for such as David Sims, the Scotland B before he decided to concentrate on his English

ENGLAND TEAMS

(Northampton); T Underwood et), P de Glanville (Beth), J 1 (Seracens), J Falion (Beth); S (Bath, captain), S Douglas, Gath), A Subsective (Beth), A Mullins and Gostorth); G Baldwin (Northalian), M Greenwood (Norting-A Johnson (Leicester), B Sath), Replacements, G Thomp-Particquine), G Ainscough et), S Knight (Bath), V Ubogu Cockertii (Coventry), J Casset 73)

London Irish lose out

to the loss of their five international squad members for Saturday's first-division match with Rugby - one of the five games they had targeted as vital to win if they are to sustain their position in English club rugby's top flight (David Hands writes).

Ciaran Fitzgerald, the 1reland coach, spelled out when the party to play Wales on January 18 was announced

LONDON Irish are resigned on Sunday that all 21 players must attend squad training on Saturday and Sunday (when there are no league

matches in Ireland). The Courage Clubs Championship permits a postponement on grounds of representative calls only when England's requirements are involved. London Scottish lost five players before beating Liverpool St Helens last

Polytechnic), M Fisiden (Harper Adams AC), A Celdwell (Harper Adams AC), S Bromley (Liverpool Polytechnic): G Gregory (Sheffield Polytechnic); G Gregory (Sheffield Polytechnic), K Bracken (Bristol University), T Beddow (Cheltenheim and Gloucaster IHE), J Mallett (Bath (College), C Tarbuck (West London RE), A Milvetrd (Oxford University), A Snow (St Andrew's University), M Peppa (Leede Polytechnic, Capitain), E Peters (Cambridge University), Replacements: D Clift (Charing Cross Medical School), C Saverimutto (Sheffield Polytechnic), S Wittestide (Oxford University), A Piedds (Notifingheim University), R

when India batted. India's drive for victory was



Border: great innings

129 not out, M A Taylor 55).

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D C Boon c Asheruddin b Shrinith
M E Waugh bov b Prabhalar
D M Jones c Pendit b Shestri
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B A Head Got not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-31, 3-56, 4-65, 5-106, 6-114, 7-164, 8-171. BCWLING: Kapil Dev 19-5-41-1; Prabhetar 25-6-4; Tenduster 1-0-2-1; Shastri 25-6-45-4; Tenduster 1-0-2-1.

Edras (b 1, 1b 4, nb 5)

Total 483
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-85, 3-197, 4-201, 5-397, 6-434, 7-434, 8-459, 9-474.
BOWLING, McDermont 51-12-147-4; Reid 4-0-10-0; Nughee 47-45-1; Border 13-3-38-0; Umpree, F McConnell and S Randell, Man of the match: R J Shastri, PSE-VIOLES, Mat Totals, Man of the Connell and S Randell, Man of the match: R J Shastri, PSE-VIOLES, Mat TOLES, first, Tast (Res. PREVIOUS MATCHES: first Test (Bra-bane): Australia won by ten wicksta: second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by autht wicksta.

Russell working hard to force a rethink

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent. In Napier

JACK Russell's fervent desire to regain his automatic England place for all forms of cricket was given fresh encouragement last night when he was included in the side for the three-day game against a Minor Associations XI, starting today.

Although he will share the vicketkeeping duties with Alec Stewart, there is evidence that the policy, even for one-day cricket, is thankfully not now as rigid as once seemed inevitable. Having lost his Test place

to Stewart for the final match against West Indies last summer, Russell was thought unlikely to make the party for the World Cup. which must be pruned to 14 before the competition. His enemy, as usual, was

the theory that a specialist wicketkeeper is an unwarranted luxury, unless he can produce runs consistently. Events on the tour so far have prompted more flexi-

newly-acquired role as opening batsman; his wicketkeeping has also been demonstrably inferior to that of Russell who, in addition, has scored 50 in his only innings to date. His runs came as

nightwatchman, ironically when Stewart was out early. and they comprised his first half-century for England for two years, a wait he readily admits was far too long. "It is frustrating that people talk more often about

my batting than my wicketkeeping," he explains. "But I know if I want to play for England I have to be an all-rounder. To do that I need to score more runs. "That innings at the week-

end was the most important I have played for a long time and I was very happy with the way I played as well as

In the last year or so, runs have been hard to come by. At times I have: over-theorised and worried ble thinking. Not only is about too many little things. Stewart struggling in his

keep wicket I just concentrate on catching the ball, so why not just think about himing it when I bat? I don't care what it looks like any more, so long as it is effective.

Russell, fastidious about his diet, his fitness and his level of performance, is quietly determined to make the World Cup side. "I am not in the frame at the mo-ment," he said. "But I want to play every game. I just love playing for England."

If, as seems likely, the spin bowling of Tufnell is to be

the potential match-winner for England this winter, then the best wicketkeeper should always play. Hopefully, the toor selectors are beginning to come around to that view.

The party, now stationed on the east coast, among the Hawkes Bay wineries, enjoyed a free day yesterday and the three men left out of today's side were Lamb,

England support Tufnell

words in a local newspaper yesterday threatened to compromise a year's pa-tience and undermine the fragile but critical confi-dence of England's most important bowler (Alan Lee writes).

The England tour man-agement first reacted indignantly and then protective ly to the claim, made in the New Zealand Herald, that Philip Tufnell throws the occasional ball. Their re-sentment at the allegation turned rapidly and properly to concern over the potential effect on the player.

Tufnell's volatile temperament and aggressive mannerisms are a cloak for insecurity and the last thing England need right now is for the carefully cultivated conviction, which has

the tour's first two games. to be destroyed just as the international games are about to begin.

Last night, there was a distinct lack of spark to the usually verbose Tufnell, a wariness in his eyes and a reserve to his manner. Graham Gooch, his captain, was not surprised. "It would worry anyone to be accused of an illegal action," he said.
"It is very unfair, very un-

fortunate. But it is done now and he has got to ignore it and carry on

Gooch had spoken to Turneli earlier in the day, bringing the article to his attention for his own good. Meanwhile, Brian Aldridge, a Test umpire who stood in the game at Hamilton,

ridiculous".

There is no question Aldridge said. One of New umpires for the World Cup he went on: "It is ridiculou to stir something up when there is nothing there." The England manage

Bob Bennett, said he did not intend to refer the matter to his board at Lord's, while Graham Dowling, chief executive of the New Zealand Board, said: "Unless an official complaint is made to us there is nothing for us to get involved in. It's not an issue." England's worry, of course, is that it could play distractingly on the mind of the bowler best equipped to win them the

Superb Border saves Test Sydney: Allan Border, the total to 483 all out. Ten- bourne on Thursday. Bruce

on 148. India then had 78

overs to dismiss Australia. By

lunch, Australia were 38 for

two, with Marsh and Boon

out. India captured three

more wickets in the after-

noon, two of them to Shastri,

who claimed the wickets of

Jones and Taylor. Taylor's

Flying high: Russell is making it difficult to disregard him for the World Cup

one of the best and most important innings of his long career to deny India a stun-ning triumph in the third Test match here yesterday. Border, playing his 128th Test, batted chanceless for 158 minutes for a unbeaten 53 as Australia only narrowly

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averted an innings defeat. With five hours having been lost in the match to rain, there was not time for India, transformed from the team that was beaten heavily in the first two Tests, to force victory. Having taken a first-innings lead of 170, they reduced Australia to 173 for eight, a lead of three runs, when the match ended.

Despite their performance, questions will be asked of Azharuddin, the Indian captain, after he failed to bring on Shastri until the 33rd over of Australia's innings. Shastri, India's only spinner, responded with four wickets for 45, but could have done with more time in which to win the match. He had scored 206

set up by Tendulkar, who thrashed 28 in 22 balls in the morning as India took their

Australian captain, played dulkar remained unbeaten Reid has already been ruled out for the remainder of the WSC tournament, (Reuter) AUSTRALIA: First Innings 313 (D C Boon 129 not out, M A Taylor 55).

454; Tenduller 1-0-21.

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An inspired burst checks Pakistan Faisalabad: Kapila Wijegunwickets in the game, had in-

awardene, a medium-pace bowler, took three important Pakistan wickets in eight deliveries yesterday to give Sri Lanka a chance of winning. the third and final Test here. Pakistan, needing 185 to win the match and the series. resume today requiring a fur-ther 90 runs with six wickets standing.

Wijegunawardene dis-missed Javed Miandad, Salim Malik and Imran Khan as Pakistan slumped to 60 for four. But Zahid Fazal, opening in place of the injured Shoaib Mohammad, stood firm and with Wasim Akram prevented any further damage before bad light ended play 25 minutes early on the fourth day. Fazal is 55 not

Sri Lanka's attack was weakened by the absence of Ramayake, who managed only ten deliveries before retiring with a groin strain.

Pakistan's fast bowlers had

earlier put their side in command when they dismissed Sri Lanka, who began the day at 68 for three, for 165. Waqar Younis, who took nine

nings figures of five for 65 and Wasim Akram three for 71. Jayasuriya (45) was Sri Lanka's top scorer for the second time in the match. (Reuter) _

MILCH. (Kettler)

SRI LANKA: First Innings: 240 (S.T. Jayssuriys 81 not out, R.S. Mehainsons 58; Wager Youris 4 for 87).

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Selection delayed

Zealand tomorrow with a 60overs match against North-em Districts at Melville Park,

day's practice session.

Norma Izard, the team

manager said, yesterday: "Ja-nette Brittin, the opening bat and vice-captain, is almost certain to miss the game. But we are anxious to see everybody play in either tomorrow's match or on Thursday before the first Test begins on No members of the present

New Zealand team will be playing for Northern Districis, at the request of the national selectors.

Delilip Weston, the captain, hit 91 as the England Under-19 team's first match of their Pakistan tour, against Rawalpindi, ended in a draw.

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Salem is celebrating his second shutout

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

TO HOLD the opposition scoreless is a rare feat in the high-scoring British game, but to do so twice in three weeks is a truly remarkable achievement. Chris Salem, goaltender for

Durham Wasps, is the man celebrating these two clean sheets after a 13-0 win over Cardiff Devils, following a 10-6 success against Norwich and Peterborough Pirates, had enabled Wasps to retain their three points lead over Humberside Seahawks at the top of the premier at the top of the premier division of the Heineken

The Seahawks have signed Todd Bidner, the former player-coach of Bracknell Bees, the team that failed to beat Salem last month, as a temporary replacement for the injured Ross Lambert and Bidner scored three times in a 7-4 win over Bees. Murrayfield Racers con-

tinue to improve and, with

wins over Ayr Raiders and

Nottingham Panthers, have

moved into fourth place.

Tony Hand scored twice late in the third period to give the Racers the points by the odd goal in 13 against Panthers.

final period in the 4-4 tie between Romford Raiders and Telford Tigers in the first division. Dominic Hardy, of the Tigers, received a gross misconduct penalty at the end of the second period and this meant that the Tigers should have been allowed to ice only two imports at any time during the third period. However, there were three on the ice when Wayne Crawford, one of them, got the equalising goal. them, got the equalising goal.
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Trafford Metros 8, Stough Jets 11.

CYCLING

Hammond to decide on his priorities

BY PETER BRYAN

ROGER Hammond, winner for a record third year in succession of the British junior cyclo-cross championship last Saturday at Harlow, will find himself being pulled in two different directions

during the coming months. For all his domination of racing, Hammond, aged 17. has never let school work take second place to sport. Now he is about to experience a severe clash of interests: his mock A levels will be followed two days later by the world cyclocross championship at Leeds on February 1. "The mocks may suffer a little," he said. The more Hammond sees the championship course the more convinced he is that it

potential medal winner in Leeds, is, he says, the main handicap. Stuart Marshall, Britain's only world champion winning in 1986, is the rider Hammond most wants to

will suit him. But the pressure

on him as a

BASKETBALL

Kingston in the mood for a cup campaign

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

TODAY'S draw for the quarter-finals of the National Cup will give Kingston some idea of what will be required to recapture the one domestic trophy to elude them last

Amid the excitement of the World Invitation Club Championship at Crystal Pal-ace, where the Carlsberg League leaders regained the prize they first won two years ago, it went almost unnoticed that first division clubs, Kingston among them, had featured in the third round of the cup at the weekend. Kevin Cadle's squad had

adequate resources to negotiare their trip to Chesham, for the tie with Chiltern Fastbreak, with some com-fort but two of their fellow first-division clubs, Sunderland and London Towers, were not so lucky. Those hoping to deny Kingston the trophy would do

well to heed the words of

Alton Byrd after Sunday's

WICB final against CSKA

Moscow. Byrd contributed

only four of Kingston's points but was as influential as ever in his team's 83-65 triumph. "Rumours of our death are premature," he said. The Russians have real

They compete better if you go up over them, as they jump as well as anyone in Europe. So we went round them. A good passing team can always beat the Russians — and we're a good passing team." No one passed the ball bet-

ter or shot more majestically than Russ Saunders, who collected 31 points to add to his Sunderland and London Towers both succumbed to second division opposition. The margin of Sunderland's defeat, by 105-73 at Doncas

ter was as much a shock as

London Towers' 81-79 re-

verse against Bury Lobos, who have not lost a league match this season. Birmingham just avoided another upset by coming through 94-90 against Old-

THE England women open their five-week tour of New

Auckland.

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Innes switches codes to join Leeds

BY KEITH MACKLIN AND DAVID HANDS

CRAIG Innes, the New Zealand rugby union centre, signed for Leeds rugby league club yesterday on a five-year contract worth just under £200,000. Explaining why Leeds were prepared to invest so much in the player, Doug Laughton, the club's coach, said: "He was the best player in the World Cup, in my opinion — the best rugby league type player, that is

Laughton added that Innes can give and take a pass, run with a ball, and with a 6st and 14st frame, can tackle with

Innes, aged 22, has been a target for rugby league advances for nearly two years, but had put aside all offers until after the World Cup.
"He never said yes, but he never said no," Laughton

Innes, who has been play-ing club rugby union for Bedford, will move to Leeds to set up house as soon as possible. He will not be rushed into the first team, though Laughton refused to reveal the precise plans. It will see how he goes in training."

The departure of linnes is another blow to New Zealand rugby union. There has been much soul-searching since the loss of the World Cup to Australia and a change in coaching terms which may also have hastened Innes's

departure. As an Aucklander he was an admirer of the methods of John Hart, co-coach with Alex Wyllie to the All Blacks last year and who aspired to coach them this year. However Hart was passed over last month and, with the retirement of Grant Fox from international rugby, it may be

that the days of Auckland's domination of New Zealand representative teams are

Innes made his debut against Wales in 1989 as a wing in place of the injured John Kirwan, scoring two tries with a combination of timing and strength which was a hallmark even at such an early age. He went on to win 17 caps and was an everpresent during the World Cup, but too much responsibility seemed heaped on his sturdy frame in an otherwise

lacklustre back division. Overseas tours opened the way to the development of his career and, with no great career structure waiting for him in New Zesland, he joined Bedford after the World Cup in November.

Tan Snook the Bedford coach and himself a New Zealander, had hoped that Innes's eligibility for Courage Clubs Championship match es in February would have confirmed Bedford's somewhat precarious place in the second division. In the end I think the offers from rugby league just became too big." Snook said: "I think he'll do well. I had thought be would have hung on for another couple of years, perhaps to play against South Africa, and they'll be gutted back

home that he's signed." Yesterday's signing means that Innes can go on the Leeds Silk Cut Challenge Cup register, and he will hope for better success at Headingley than his All Black compatriot. John Gallagher, who joined Leeds in a £400,000 deal 18 months ago, but is now out of favour and playing



Sunshine boy. Innes ready to enjoy life on the sunny side after abandoning his rugby union career

Barrett must endure a further delay

By SRIEUMAR SEN BOXDYG CORREPONDENT

PAT Barrett, of Manchester, has, at last, secured a world

appointment yesterday.

Manning Galloway, the World Boxing Organisation weltwerweight champion. who had signed just a few days ago to defend against I've got the fight. It's been guite a wait so I don't mind

BY PHIL YATES

ALAN McMarnis yesterday

improved his chance of be-

coming the first player since

1982 to join the world's top.

16 after only two seasons as a

professional when he beat

John Virgo 5-0 in the sixth

round of the Mercantile

Albert Hall, has asked for a

Barretr's manager, Mickey Duff, who arrived back from the United States yesterday title challenge. But the European light-welterweight had a fax waiting for him champion, who has waited from Galloway's manager. Is months; had another disappointment yesterday.

Manager Calleston would be ready by the end of

Credit Classic at Bourne-

McManus aged 20, from

Glasgow, is twentieth in the

February. Barrett said: "The change gym working for the fight." But Barrett's joint manag-

er, Brian Hughes, who has been waiting impatiently for a world title chance since Barrett won the European light-weltwerweight title in 1990, had "bad vibes" about the title bout.

Hughes feared Galloway doesn't bother me as long as might have found out about Barrett's big punch - 24 of the Mancunian's 32 contests

waiting that bit longer. It have finished inside the dis-won't upset my calculations tance — and could be having too much, I'll just stay in the second thoughts about the contest. The last man to feel the weight of Barrett's hand was Mike Johnson, of Detroit, who was stopped in two rounds. Johnson, a friend of Galloway's, said after his defeat at Oldham on December 19: "He is the hardest punch-

> er I have come up against." Duff does not think Galloway is looking for a way out but believes that the bout may

> now move to Manchester.

McManus breaks Virgo's resolve predictably added the fifth. In four matches in the tournament, McManus has won 20 frames and lost three. McManus's reward is a quar-

HOCKEY

Hounslow shut out Spaniards

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN BARCELONA

HOUNSLOW exceeded expectation by defeating El Cid 2-1 here yesterday to secure their third win in a row in the Los Reyes tournament.

However, the Belgian club Baudoin, who also won three matches, were declared winners on goal difference, even though their opposition was slightly inferior to Hounslow's. The Belgian side included the international, Danny van der Gracht.

Hounslow's main ploy yesterday was to hit the ball squarely across the back to draw the opposition to it and Spain's rhythm was thereby

destroyed. Nani Escude, one of three brothers in the side, gave El Cid the lead midway in the first half from a short corner. Grimley equalised, also from a short corner, almost on halftime. Robert Thompson scored from a short corner early in the second half and by keeping possession Hounslow, with Grimley outstanding, managed to shut the Spaniards out.

Southgate achieved a heartening 5-0 win over Pedralbes, of Spain, after losing their first two matches.

RESULTS: Men: El Cid 1, Houn Johannte O, Beudeouin 4; Pedre Cub de Campo 2, Los Olivos 2; Ruel Cub de Polo 0, HDM (Netherlanda) 5; Club de Campo 0, HDM 0. Final positions: 1, Sumor Calcifield, Spts: 2, HDM, 4; 3, Club de Campo

☐ St Albans, the champions. qualified for the quarterfinals of the Royal Bank national indoor club championship on Sunday after winning all three matches in pool one at Birmingham. QUALIFIERS: SI Alberts, Harborne, East Grinsteed, Old Midwhitgiffarm, Barlord Tigora, Doncaster, Stourport, Bromley.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Division teams alone on road to Minneapolis

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

SO MUCH for the highfalutin ideas of the wild-card teams in the National Football League play-offs. Only four division winners are left on the road to Super Bowi XXVI, which will be played in Minneapolis on January 26.

The Detroit Lions and the Buffalo Bills won on Sunday to advance to the conference finals next weekend. The Lions, who beat the Dallas Cowboys 38-6, will play away to the Washington Redskins in the National Football Conference championship game. The Bills, who stopped the Kansas City Chiefs 37-14, will host the Denver Broncos in the American Football

Conference final. Erik Kramer, a thirdstringer last summer, com-pleted 29 of 38 passes for 341 yards and three touchdowns (31, nine and seven yards) to lead the Lions. The Cowboys succeeded in stopping the sensational Detroit running back, Barry Sanders, who managed only 23 yards in 11 carries until a late 47-yard

touchdown run. Kramer ad-

YACHTING

justed and dissected Dallas with medium-range tosses.

Jim Kelly completed three scoring passes (25, 53 and ten yards). Thurman Thomas rushed for 100 yards and Kirby Jackson made two interceptions to lead the Bills past Kansas City. Kelly directed a devastating no-huddle attack, connecting on 23 of 35 attempts for 273 yards. Andre Reed grabbed two touchdown passes and James

Lofton caught another. The Buffalo defense, led by Jackson, Cornelius Bennen and Jeff Wright, gave up only 213 yards. The Chiefs never threatened. Their running game spluttered and Steve DeBerg threw only live completions for 29 yards before retiring hurt in the second

New class yachts held back

By BARRY PICKTHALL

LARGE masthead spinnakers will be banned aboard the new Whitbread 60-class yachts during the heavy weather stages across the South-ern and Atlantic oceans when the sixth running of the

round the world race begins from Southampton in 1993.

This wing-clipping of what still promises to be an exciting new breed of yacht was announced at the London Boat Show yesterday and fol-lows a three-month study comparing performance pre-dictions for the Whitbread 60s alongside the larger. sluggish maxi designs.

Ian Bailey-Wilmott, the race director, confirmed yesterday that the results of the study indicate that the performance of the two design types is so close that the the smaller yachts could well beat the International Offshore Racing maxis around the 32,000-mile course.

Since the Whitbread 60s will cost around half the £7 million required to campaign a new 85ft maxi yacht, this was an untenable scenario for maxi owners and sponsors.

Thus, to redress the balance, the race organisers have decided to prohibit the use of large spinnakers on the Whitbread 60s during the second, third and fourth stages of the race.

IN BRIEF

Nieminen makes his mark

Toni Nieminen, aged 16 from Finland, became the youngest winner of the Four Hills ski jumping event in Bischolsholen, Austria, yes-terday and is the clear favourite in the Winter Olym-

The Finn had jumps of 118 and 122 metres for a winning total of 225.50 points and he was overall winner with 902,4 points.

Barnes takes over Sport on television: John

Barnes, the England and Liverpool footballer, is to take over from lan Botham as a team captain on BBC's popular quiz, A Question of Sport.

Troke pulls out

Badminton: Helen Troke, the English women's No. I, has flu and has pulled out of the Chinese Taipei Open, starting tomorrow.

Surprise choice

Table tennis: Michael O'Driscoll was the unexpected replacement in the England team for the sixth match against China at Gateshead Leisure Centre last night.

Rogers chosen

Olympic Games: American Olympic chiefs yesterday named the former attorney general and secretary of state, William Rogers, to head an ethics committee.

IPSWICH Town's impressive entry into the second division promotion frame, coupled with Middlesbrough's invincibility at

home, makes their fixture one of the most appealing draws of the day. Ipswich are the form team of the division but Middlesbrough, who are unbeaten at Ayresome Park, will have been boosted by their FA Cup success over Manchester City and can maintain their record.

In the third division, Leyton Orient can continue their improvement at the expense of their fellow promotion contenders, Birmingham City, who are faltering. Birmingham, like Middlesbrough, are undefeated at home but Orient have rightened up away, making a draw

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Maidstone United, of the fourth division, can do what Arsenal failed to do on Saturday - draw at Wrexham. Wrexham will be on a high after their famous FA Cup victory. Although Maidstone are struggling, they won their last away match 5-0 against Cardiff City and can pinch a

Crawley's FA Cup run ended in a 5-0 defeat at Brighton. They should find life easier in their Beazer Homes League premier division game at Poole, in which honours should finish even.

Hibernian, who held the Scottish premier division leaders, Heart of Midlothian, on New Year's day, and won 5-0 against Dunfermline Athletic on Saturday, can carry on the good work by drawing at Rangers.

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provisional rankings with two the black for 58 to lead 3-0. points guaranteed from the Asian Open later this month. to brown in the fourth, follow-By contrast, Virgo is sliding ing an early 46 break, and with Virgo's resolve broken he down the rankings.

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A AEK Athene, 20; 5; PAOK Salonica 20;
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Atlenta 0; Verons 0; Berl 1; Caglieri 0;
Cremoreses 0, Internazionala 0 (abundoned after 88min, 10g); Piccentina 1,
Sampdoria 2; Genos 1; Torko 1; Juventus
1, Paran 0; Lacio 5; Foggier 2; AC Millen 5,
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matches); 1, AC Millen, 25 points; 2,
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Juventum, 23; 3, Napoli, 19.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Gil Vicente 2.
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Porto 1; Permalicio 2. Beira Nar 2; Sporting
Lisbon 3; Chaves 0; Torsenan 2, CS
stantimo 2; Boevista 2, Sporting Braga 1;
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Benfica, 17, 25; 3, Sporting 17, 23; 4,
Boevista, 17, 22.

Bonvista, 17, 22.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Attètico Macrid 2.

Real Natrid 0; Tenerita 4, Athletic Bilbeo 1; Mallorca 1, Barcelona 2; Español 0, Burgos 0; Real Socieded 0, Albaceta 1; Zaregaza 1, Deportiro La Caruña 0; Oviedo 2, Lospofida 3; Cassuna 0, Sporting Cilda 2; Valencia 3, Sevilla 2; Cadiz 0, Valadold 0, Loading politicas citar 16 games): 1, Real Medrid, 27pts: 2, Additico Madrid, 29; 3, Barcelona, 22.

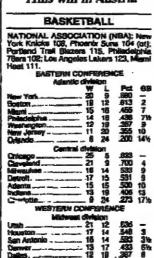
CLIFTON STOCKBROKER LEAGUE: AFC Bournamouth 5, Bristol Rovens 2.

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important of the match, was a showcase for the mature temperament of McManus. He trailed 63-8 but cleared the last four reds and colours to ter-final tie tomorrow against McManus cleared last red



Hills win in Austria



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EPSOM COLLEGE: British Cadet
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3, N Optonic (Chalplostherr); and M On
(Carfuto), Women's lott: 1, F Cowen
(Much Wenlock); 2, M Hopwood (Ashton);
equal 3, E Kurzner (Northon); and E Clow
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(Pery), Men's spee: E Usher
(Crowthorne): equal 3, D McCrombis
(Whitpith) and P Francis (Brentwood);
Men's folt: 1, K Beydoun (Sussex House);
2, P Walsh (Sussex House); equal 3, H
Lancaster (Sussex House); and M
Bracewielkia (Downside); 2, K Beydoun
(Sussex House); equal 3, H Lancaster
(Sussex House); and A Colo (Evenham). YACHTING TAURANGIA, New Zealand: Flying Dutchman world championship: First rece: 1, T and V Berger (Fr), 0.00 points; 2, M Jones and G Knowles (NZ), 3.00; 3, L 2, M Jones and G Knowles (NZ), 3.0: 3, L Dorasta and M Dorningo (So), 5.70; 4, P Foerster and S Bourdow (US), 8.00; 5, A Batzill and P Lang (Gar), 10.00; 6, M Wieser and W Kooing (Gar), 11.70 Overse positions: 1, Barger and Batger, 27.00; 2, Jones and Knowles, 32.00; 3, Doresta and Comisqs, 4170; 4, A William and C Kemming (Gar), 43.70; 5, Foerster and Bourdow, 44.70; 6, L Santella, and F Grassi (II), 45.70.

FOR THE RECORD ICE HOCKEY

Toni Nieminen: Four

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 108, Phoen's Sure 104 (or); Purtiend Trail Blazers 115, Philadelphia 78era 102; Los Angeles Lakers 123, Memi Heat 111.

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Morates (Fr), Chgive, 2:15; 3, JC Wagner (Fr), Szuhr, 2:41, Overnik Cars; 1, Auriol, 18:19:21; 2, Weber, 15:27; 3, K Shinozuka (Jepan), Mitsubiehi, 18:02; 4, Waldegard, 132:25; 5, Vatanna, 2:48:55; 6, Lartique, 3:35:52, Motorcycles; 1, S Peterherase (Fr), Yarraina, 43:04:37; 2, O LaPorte (US), Cagiva, 7:35; 3, J Arcatona, Cagiva, 27:33. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary Flumes 3, Edmonton Overs 2; Chicago Blackhewics 5, Minnesota North Stars 2.

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NETBALL NETBALL

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TABLE TENNIS STOCKTON ON TEES: Crevaland Pive Starr open championship: Singles: Sami-finals: Men; Xie Cheojin (Crins) bt K. Hogsberg (Den.), 16.21, 21-18, 21-13, Yu. Shantlong (Chins) bt A Bantsan (Den.), 21-17, 21-12. Womer: Geng Liuan (Can) bt Lemas (Eng.), 24-22, 11-21, 21-7: M Heahine (Japan) bt J Barton (Can), 21-8, 21-14. Doubles: Women's final: Ceng and J Barton (Can) bt Hoetine and Y Takahashi (Japan), 9-21, 22-20, 21-16. Mixed doublies: Final: H Perins and Geng (Can) bt A Bantsan and T Schou (Den.), 21-14, 21-14.

SCHONACH, Germany: World Cup Nordic combined: 1, F Guy, (Fr); 2, F-8 Lundberg (Nor), at 45-2sec; 3, K-8 Sutzenberne (Austrie), at 1mn 37 Zeec. World Cup Iseder (after three events): Gur.

ST PETERSBURG, Russia: World Cup Nordic classic: Men: 30km: 1, 8 Dahlle (Nor), 1br 22min 46sec; 2, V Ulvang (Nor). 1:23 46, 3, V Smirnov (CiS), 1:24:22 World Cup leader (after thee events). Liverg. 4x 10km relay: 1, Norway, 1:31:08.2; 2, Friend, 1:32:25.8. 3, Commonwealth of Independent States, 1:33:12.0. Women: 15cm: 1, Y Valba (CB), 43ms 5basc; 2, M Lukharinen (Fm), 44:09; 3, M-L Kurverniems (Fin), 44:09. World Cup leader (after three events): Valbe, 4 x 5km relay: 1, Finland, 51:54.3; 2. Norwey, 52:12.2; 3, Commonwealth of Independent States, 52:25.1

BISCHOFSHOFEN, Austria: World Cup event: Four Hills tournement: Last round: 1, T Neminen (Fin), 225.50, 2, M Hoellwart (Austria), 221.90; 3, F Petek (Slovenia), 213.60; 4, A.P. Niddolx (Fin), 205.30; 5, F Jez (Czech), 204.70; 5, A. Goldberger (Austria), Final positions: 1, Niemenen, 902.4; 2, Rathmayr, 93.3; 3, Hoellwarth, 829.9, 4, Pratek, 617.7, 5, Jez, 817 1; 6, Felder, 814.1. World: Cup standings (after eight competions): 1, Nieminen, 130; 2, Pattwayr, 96, 3, Joz, 79, 4, 5, Zuend (Switz), 71; equal 5, A. Felder (Austria), and E. Veltoni (Austria), Felder (Austria) and E Vetton (Austria),

7 30 unless stated Zenith Data Systems Cup Southern Area Semi-final Southempton v West Hern (7.45) **Autoglass Trophy** Preliminary round Southern section Birmingham v Walsall (8.0) . Hereford v Exeter..... Northern section

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SQUASH RACKETS LAMBS CLUB, LONDON: NatWest

Koppitz, 9-4, 6-9, 9-4, 9-6. Umder-14: Second round: A Stevenson (Yorkshire) bit J Smith (Scot), 9-1, 9-7, 9-4; A Glies (Witshire) bit A Fuche (Austral), 10-9, 9-7, 9-3; P Taylor (Sussea) bit J Vehnsonen (Fin), 9-7, 9-4, 9-6, M Soo (Mai) bit K Anwar (Afdolfessel, 3-9, 9-2, 0-9, 9-4, 9-3, A Corben (Domeil) bit D Turmer (Cheshira), 9-6, 9-2, 6-9, 6-9, 9-8, 4-8-y-2, (Egypt) bit D Lohtshouse (Herral), 9-0, 9-3, 9-0; J Russell (Cent) bir O Yudmener (Fin), 9-4, 5-9, 9-5, 9-6, P Allen (Essau) bit D Williams (Cheshira), 8-3, 8-8, 9-4, Sami-finals; Taylor bit Stevenson, 9-3, 9-1, 9-5; A Payze bit P Atlen, 9-6, 9-5, 9-1

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Hartlepool v Hull.....

Alice v Queen's Park Brechin v E Stirling Clyde v Stenhousemuir

RUGBY UNION COLTS REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Northern division 16, South of Southard 3. all

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division:
Grays v Basingstoke; Hayes v Enheld; SI
Albem v Behöp? Stortford. First division: Dulwich v Tooting and Mitcham
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Marine. Pirst
division: Enetwood Town v Guiseley;
Itam v Colvyn Bay, Westrogton v
Caernarton; Worksop v Harrogste
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
division: Everton v Rotherham (7 0);
Manchester Cdy v Coventry (8.45). Second division: Devision v Leicester (7 0).
Huddersfield v Notts County (7.0). Oldham v Mansfield (7.0)
MEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:
Chariton v Watford (7.0), Chalsee v
Swindon (2.0).

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Havertill v Chettens; Histon v March Town; Lowes-toft v Febratowe IRISH CAWOODS ANTRIM SHIELD: Sami-final: Glenavon v Portedovn SAURANOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Cirtonville

OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Embassy world champio SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic TABLE TENNIS: England

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SYDNEY: New South Weles Open:
Men's singles: First round: D Wheston
(US) bit W Mesur (Aus), 7-5, 7-5; C Caratin
(II) bit D Rostegno (US), 6-4, 6-2, G Forgel
(F) bit R Reneberg (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; J
Sánchaz (Sp) bit J Siemerink (Neth.), 7-5,
7-5; D Delisite (F) bit P McEnnoe (US), 6-4,
4-6, 7-6 Women's singles: First round: S
Hack (Gor) bit L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-3, 8-4; A Kijimute (Jepen) bit K Godridge (Aus), 7-6,
6-1; L McNell (US) bit B Schultz (Neth),
3-6, 6-3, 6-4, A Stractions (C2) bit P Hy
(Can), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, T Whytinger (US) bit R
Rapchrions (G2), 5-1, 1-0, rei; S
Appelmans (Bel) bit R Subbs (Aus), 8-4,
4-6, 6-1, A Frazer (US) bit B Paulus (Aus),
6-0, 6-2; E Zardo (Sertz) bit S Stafford
(US), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, N Muns-Jagerman
(Neth) bit K Po (US), 5-3, 6-1; H Subove
(C2) bit G Helgeson (US), 7-5, 6-1; B
Rittner (Ger) bit J Byrne (Aus), 7-6, 7-5; J
Helland (Fr) bit E Sviglerova (C2), 6-4, 5-7,
6-4.
AUCKLAND: New Zealand Open: First

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ALICKLAND: New Zealand Open: First round: M Zooke (Ger) bi M Koevermana (Neth), 4-5, 7-5, 6-3, G Connell (Cun) bi Lonsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4, A Othovsky, (CIS) bi J Oricins (Br), 6-3, 6-1; A Cherkasov (CIS) bi J Grabb (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, F Caivet (Sp) bi M Vajda (Czech), 6-4, 8-6, 6-3, J Yzage (Peru) bi J-P Fleurian (Pr), 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, P Haarmak (Neth) bi B Steven (NZ), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Men:

2. 1-6, 6-2 P Haarhuls (Neth) bt B Steven (NZ), 3-8, 6-4, 6-3.

NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Mem: Purma, Sunderland 3, Bernard Castle School O, Tennis World, Middlesbrough 3, Topapin, Darlington 0, Norman Green, Solituli 3, Newport, Boughey Gardens 0: Abbeydale Park, Sheffield 0, City of Notingham 2, Meiton Mowbray 1 Halamarkine, Sheffield 2, Watcham, Alfreton 3, Corby 0; Betchwood, St. Albans 2, Harpenden 1, Clearview Brentwood 2, Welwyr Spin 1, Connaught Club. London 0, Cuerr's Club 3: Walton Astrose 2, David Lloyd, Finchiey 1: Crawkey 1, Record Centre, Maudistone 2; Pavilson and Avanus, Hove 1, David Lloyd, Eastbourne 2; Revenside, Chiswick 3, BBC 0, Royel Berkshire 3, David Lloyd, Stazenger, Heston 0, Manydown, Besingstoke 1; Team Excel, Bath 1, Weet Hants, Bournemouth 2.

WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Seles (Yug); 2, 3 Graf (Ger), 3, G Sabatini (Arg), 4, M Navrathova (US), 5, A Sanchez-Vicanio (Sp), 6, J Caprtall (US), 7, Novotna (Czech); B, M-J Fernandez (US); 9, C Martinez (So); 10, M Maleeva-Fraginese (Switz); 11, K Maleeva (Bul); 12, Z Garrison (US); 13, N Tauzuat (Fr); 14, A Huber (Gar); 15, L Mesthi (CS); 16, J Wissner (Austria); 17, H Sukova (Czech), 18, S Appelmans (Bel); 19, J Hakard (Fr), 20, L McNed (US).

CRESTA RUN

NINO BIBBIA CHALLENGE CUP: C Bertschinger (Switz), 2min 06.90sec. FAIRCHILDS MACCARTHY CUP: A Hansel (Switz), 1min 54.96sec (net).

FRIMLEY GREEN: World champ-ionship: Pirst round: J Harvey (Sco) br H Hermanien (Fin), 3-0; K Kenny (Eng) br , Wisson (Scor), 3-1; D Priestley (Eng) bi L Butler (US), 3-1.

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from Wigan. Stephen Watson, the Hull chairman, said: "The deal

Gibbs, who is certain to be

TUESDAY JANUARY 7 1992

Former England captain suffers a sad exit

Pay-cut dispute leads Butcher out of Coventry

BY CHRIS MOORE

TERRY Butcher, the England football captain at the World Cup finals in Italy in 1990, became the first managerial casualty of the new year yesterday when he was dismissed as manager of Coven-

Don Howe, the former England coach, who joined Coventry six weeks ago as assistant-manager, was put in charge of the struggling first division club until the end of the season.

Butcher's dismissal came less than 48 hours after Coventry had needed a late penalty to stay in the FA Cup against Cambridge United. the second division side, at Highfield Road. Coventry have taken only seven points from their last 11 League matches. It was as much Butcher's annual salary of £250,000 that contributed to his demise as the club's recent playing record. Butcher, aged 33, the former Ipswich Town defender, cost Coventry £400,000 when he joined them as player-manager from Rangers in November 1990, less than 24 hours after the club had dismissed John

Injury restricted him to seven appearances last season before he underwent an operation in January on a knee joint. Butcher made a belated comeback on October 23 in a Zenith Data Systems Cup tie against Aston Villa only to be sent off for a professional foul. Three weeks later, exactly a year after his arrival, he an-

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE torrential rain that

flooded Elland Road on

Sunday fell in favour of

Manchester United. Bryan

Robson, their captain, and

Denis Irwin, both of whom

would have missed the FA

Cup third-round tie had it

not been postponed, could

be available for the rear-

ranged fixture next

The presence of Robson.

as long as he recovers fully

from a calf injury, would be

especially significant in view

of the absence of David Bat-

ty. His supension, a result of

the caution issued during

the League game against

Manchester United on De-

cember 29, is to begin on

Monday. Leeds, are therefore, cer-

tain to be without the player

sive role in central midfield

and allows room for Gary

McAllister's more creative

abilities. Robson acts in the

same position as Batty and,

in turn, provides the free-

dom required by Neil Webb.

Irwin, who could be fit

enough to return for

Manchester United's home

game against Everton on

who naturally fills the defen-

Wednesday.

TERRY BUTCHER

Cates decade. April 1916. according to the country of the country

injury. Peter Robins, who ousted John Poynton as chairman in a boardroom coup last month, confirmed yesterday that Butcher had refused to take a cut in salary. "We have been concerned about the whole basis on which he was taken on as player-manager on a threeand-a-half-year contract at a very substantial salary and transfer fee," Robins said.

"After I became chairman I approached Terry to renegotiate his contract on a manager only basis. But he felt unable to accept any renewed deal or salary reduction. By his own admission his injury is permanent and he is now unable to contemplate play-ing first-team football ever

"In view of these factors the board unanimously agreed that as he was unable to nounced his playing career continue as player-manager a was over because of the knee change had to be made. We

Robson could benefit

from postponement

back. His understudy, Clay-

ton Blackmore, was at fault

for the first two goals during

the woeful capitulation

against Queen's Park Rangers at Old Trafford on New

Yet the balance, which

could also be affected by the

outcome of the Rumbelows

Cup quarter-final at Elland

Road tomorrow night, re-

mains potentially as fine as

has usually been the case

recently. Since Leeds re-

turned to the first division, all four of their fixtures

against Manchester United

Should that sequence be

extended next week, the two

leaders of the championship

race will be left behind the

rest of the field in the FA

Cup. The replay at Old Trafford would not be

staged until the weekend of

January 25, the date re-

served for the fourth round.

certain to be resolved, by

penalties if necessary, but the winners would not be

able to visit Southampton

At least the latter is then

have been drawn.

Year's day.

play. Had we left it any later it could have been extremely

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difficult to reverse the trend. We have said on many occasions this is the most important season in our history. We are totally committed to bringing Premier Road and we have made this decision to make sure we achieve that goal."

Butcher, who won 77 caps for England, said: "I do not want to discuss the matter. It is in the hands of my lawyers.

Soon after his arrival at Highfield Road, Butcher appointed Mick Mills, his friend and former Ipswich and also brought in Brian Eastick as reserve-team

But after the boardroom shuffle in November, Mills and Eastick were dismissed with Howe appointed as firstteam coach. The signs were that Butcher had been forced into making the changes by orders from above, although he insisted publicly that it was his decision. He showed a profit in the transfer market, having bought seven players for a combined cost of £1.3 million and sold six for £1.9

Although Howe has been asked to take over for the remainder of the season, there is speculation that Bob-Gould, the West Bromwich Albion manager. could head the list of longterm targets. Gould is a former Coventry player and also had a spell as manager at

conceivable that the replay

would again be held when

the other competitors are

completing the next round.

exacerbated still further by

the police's insistence that

ten days' notice must be

given before a cup replay takes place. The possible

complications can have

damaging consequences, as

Leeds well remember from

last season when they were

in contention for four

After losing their protract-

ed FA Cup fourth-round tie

against Arsenal, which in-

volved four games spread over January and February.

they fell away on all fronts.

They were beaten in the

semi-final of the Rumbelows

Cup by Manchester United

and in the northern area

final of the Zenith Data

Systems Cup by Everton.

Unable to regain their

impetous in the first divi-

sion, they finished in fourth

place and failed even to

claim the compensation of

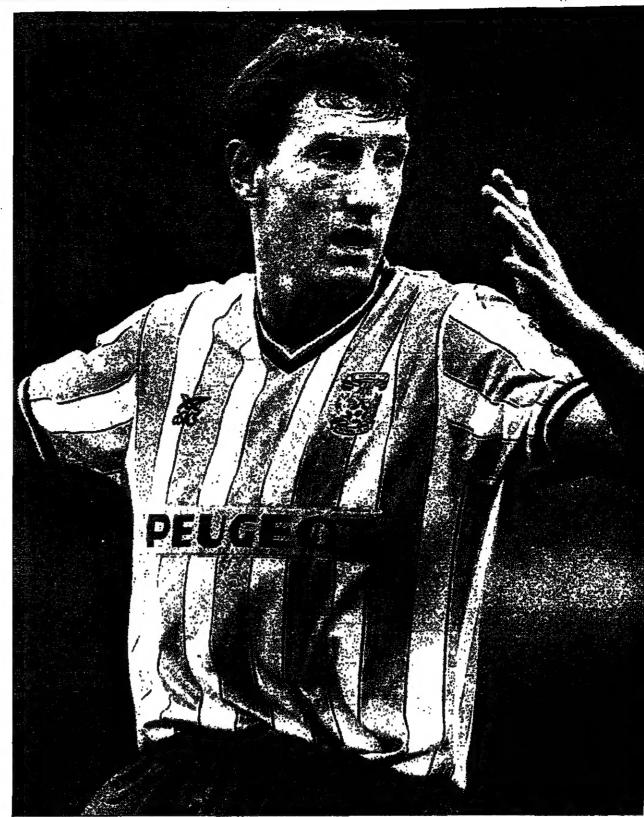
Now they and Manchester United will be

praying, above all, that the

run of play is not again suspended by the weather.

qualifying for Europe.

The inflexibility of the do-



Butcher, the player-manager who was prevented from playing by a bad knee injury

BSkyB to show tie from Dell

THE FA Cup fourth-round tie between Southampton and either Manchester United or Leeds United has been put back two days from Saturday, January 25, to be shown live on BSkyB on

Monday, January 27. Southampton will not know their opponents until January 15, when the thirdround tie - postponed on Sunday because of a water-logged pitch — is played at Elland Road. The rescheduled Leeds-Manchester match, which will be shown live on BBC, has prompted three clubs to switch their own replay arrangements to next Tuesday. They are Der-by, Newcastle and Wimble-don, while Tottenham Hotspur may join them today since BSkyB is negotiating to

show their replay with Aston Villa on the same night.

The BBC's decision yesterday to make Chelsea's fourthround tie with Everton its choice for live viewing on January 26, means that three successive Everton matches will be the subject of live television on Sundays. Their league games, at home to Nottingham Forest, and away to Villa, have both been put back a day, to January 19 and February 2 respectively to accommodate ITV.

a last chance for Palace

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARK Bright, the Crystal Palace forward, yesterday admitted that the Rumbelows Cup quarter-final with Nottingham Forest at Selhurst Park tomorrow could mark

the turning point in Palace's season. Victory would pre-serve Palace's hopes of win-ning a trophy this season, but defeat. after Saturday's exit from the FA Cup against second division Leicester City. would effectively end them. "This is our most important game of the season and

that is no exaggeration," Bright said. "There's a saying in football that your next game is always the most important, but this one really is. If we lose, it is just a case of trying to climb as high as we can in the League. I really want to win something."

Bright added: "I think we have only beaten Forest once while I've been at Palace, but l have a good feeling about this game.

Meanwhile, Chris Turner, the manager of Peterborough United, whose side humbled Liverpool in the last round, believes his players face more demanding opposition this time in the form of Middlesbrough, the second division

"I honestly believe Mid-

beat because of the way they play." Turner said yesterday. Liverpool was a one-off. They didn't perform well on

the night."
The Middlesbrough wing-er, John Hendrie, will return after recovering from an an-kle injury picked up in Nov-ember, providing a welcome relief for the manager, Lennie Lawrence, who had been rueing the absences of Andy Peake and Andy Payton, who are both are cup-tied, and Mark Proctor, who has an

ankle injury. Norwich City will be looking to make up for their 3-0 Christmas defeat by Tottenham Hotspur when they travel to White Hart Lane for



their quarter-final. That defeat capped a miserable run of five games without victory for Norwich, but since then they have revived, beating Aston Villa in the first division

and Barnsley in the FA Cup. The Tottenham manager, Peter Shreeves, must decide whether to retain the team that drew with Aston Villa in the FA Cup on Sunday or recall Gordon Durie, Gudni Bergsson and Nayim, all fit again after injury.

The Watford vice-chair-

man, Geoff Smith, was yes-terday given a place on the Football League management committee. Smith brings the second division representation on the eightman board back to full strength following the recent death of the League's president, Bill Fox.

France will be without their goalkeeper, Bruno Martini, when they play England at Wembley next month. Martini, of Auxerre, is recovering from an ankle operation.

The Republic of Ireland and Wales will break new ground in a friendly match on February 19 when they play at the Royal Dublin Society Ground, the home of Shamrock Rovers. It is the first time the ground has staged an international.

Bowlers ready for end of exile

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

SOUTH Africa, winners of all four events when the world bowls championships were held at Johannesburg in 1976, will return to international competition in August. when the Woolwich world championships are held at Worthing.

The South African Bowling Association (SABA) has been advised by the National and Olympic Sports Congress of South Africa (NOSC) that the required validation for entry into the event has been granted, subject to the SABA becoming an affiliate member of the NOSC.

According to an announcement from the International Bowling Board (IBB) yesterday, the SABA board of controi has unanimously agreed to the condition.

Winning the Leonard Trophy on home soil in 1976 was one of South Africa's last sporting triumphs before the Gleneagles agreement consigned the SABA to a diet of domestic competition.

The South African team at Worthing will therefore, in a fending champions.

In 1958, when South Africa made their last appearance in the Commonwealth Games, the singles gold medal was won by Pinkie Danilowitz, and competitors such as Doug Watson and Bill Moseley kept their country in the top echelons of world bowls during the

Although the IBB antion of the women's event, which will be held at Ayr in June, Eleanor Allen, the secretary of the Scottish Women's Bowling Association. said yesterday that she expected South Africa to

participate.

| Zurich: Fifa, football's world governing body, realfirmed yesterday that South Africa cannot return to international football until July at threarliest, after the next Fifa congress. (Reuter)

Gibbs to stay with Swansea

SCOTT Gibbs, the Wales rugby union centre, made an eleventh-hour decision to reject a move to rugby league with Hull yesterday. Gibbs was on his way to sign for Hull, in a deal believed to be worth about £200,000, when he had a change of heart. The move is the second that Gibbs, aged 20, has turned down. Last summer he spurned a £300,000 offer

was accepted by both Scott and his agent. Everything was going through smoothly, then I had a call saying he had changed his mind. To say I am disappointed is an understatement."

named on Thursday in the Wales team to meet Ireland in the opening five nations' championship match on January 18, switched from Neath to Swansea last week.

Innes joins Leeds, page 33

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Advertising ploy stumps ICC

AFTER all those commercial ers, perimeter fencing and even on the outfield, English cricket will have advertising on the stumps next summer.

Those jarred by the pictures of sponsored stumps in England's match in Hamilton last weekend must brace themselves for something similar next summer, although it was stressed at Lord's yesterday that any logo or wording used on the stumps will not be as blatant as in New Zealand. It will be clearly on view, however, for the first time in the Test matches and one-day inter-

nationals with Pakistan. Whether this particular marketing ploy has a longterm future at the game's highest levels remains to be seen. When the Internation-

Richard Streeton examines a new branch of the sponsorship in cricket

al Cricket Council (ICC), in July 1990, drew up its inaugural rules on advertising on players' clothing and equipment, it made no mention of

Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson, the ICC secretary, decided after seeing the pictures from New Zealand yesterday to put the matter on the agenda for the ICC meeting in July. He said: "We laid down

permissible measurements

and colours for logos and

other advertising on shirts,

helmets, pads, shoes, gloves

- vou name it - but over-

looked the possibility of stump advertising. Obviously. it is something we ought to discuss and I shall raise it next July," he said. Stump advertising was one of the matters that the Test and County Cricket Board

> BBC when it completed its new, three-year agreement for coverage of most of Eng-lish cricker's main occasions. It is understood that the BBC expressed concern about over-sized logos but fi-nally agreed to accept any-thing stipulated by TCCB

> marketing manager, said: "It typified the mutual trust and respect between us that the BBC was willing to accept anything on advertising that was permitted by our own

rules. As long as we do things reasonably, the advertising on stumps will not become

"Any logo or advertise-ment will certainly be visible or there is no point in having it. It is unlikely, however, that any advertisement will be as prominent as people have seen in the pictures from New Zealand," Blake

Apart from Tests and oneday internationals, it is possible that the board will introduce stump advertising at one-day finals and other domestic fixtures as well. Much depends on the respouse from sponsors, stump manufacturers and commercial firms to its availability.

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Scotland wants try to be worth five points

BY ALAN LORIMER

SCOTLAND is to support the proposal for a five-point try at the International Rugby Football Board's meeting in New Zealand in April, but it will vote against the call to reduce the value of a dropped goal from three points to two. The Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) announced yesterday that it would back the sugges-

tion for a change in the re-starts after a score — a tap-kick instead of a place or drop-kick. "We think it is unfair that the side which has just had a score against it should immediately give the ball to the opposition," Bill Hogg, the SRU secretary. said vesterday.

Ray Megson, of Edinburgh, has been nominated Russell's campaign, page 32 by the SRU to referee the

England-Wales match at Twickenham on March 7. It will be the second successive year that Megson, aged 46, a solicitor, will have been in charge of the fixture.

Hogg also said that the SRU was concerned about overseas players keeping out home-grown players from league or representative games. "We are considering a possible resolution from clubs for the AGM to tighten up the

regulations," he said. Overseas players seem certain to face a qualifying period for league games.